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## Report: CNMI economy grew in 2010

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REPORTER

After declining for six consecutive years largely due to declines in the garment manufacturing industry, the CNMI economy grew in 2010.

The CNMI's real gross domestic product or GDP—adjusted to remove price changes—increased by 2.3 percent compared to the revised 18.8-percent decrease just a year ago. This is based on a report released yesterday by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bu-

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From left, Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar; CSD director Alfonis Sound; BEA's National Income and Wealth Division chief Nicole Mayerhauser; Gov. Benigno R. Fitial; economist and program manager Aya Hamano; BEA deputy director Brian Moyer; and Commerce deputy secretary Ivan Blanco gather for an official photo shortly after presenting the CNMI's GDP Report for Year 2010 at the Office of the Governor.

### LESS THAN 2 WEEKS BEFORE SHUTDOWN IF NO BUDGET IS PASSED

## Joint budget panel OKs \$5M for CHC, \$33M for PSS

### ►Impeachment panel meeting resumes today

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With only over a week before the Sept. 30 deadline to pass a

fiscal year 2013 budget or the government will have to shut down, a joint House and Senate panel more than doubled their original direct subsidy to the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. to \$5 million and agreed to give the Public School System's requested \$33 million, among other things.

Ways and Means Commit-

tee chair Rep. Ray Basa (Cov-Saipan), lead conferee from the House, said yesterday that besides the CHC and PSS budgets, the joint panel also agreed to go with Gov. Benigno R. Fitial's proposed budget of \$3.8 million for the Judiciary and go with the Senate proposal of \$5.9 million for Northern Marianas College.

Basa said the figures that the

joint conference committee on the FY 2013 budget has come up with "may still be subject to change" as they continue to work on the \$114 million spending package.

"As you can tell, we're making progress and we are trying our best to have a draft bill by Thursday," Basa told *Saipan Tribune*.

He said here's renewed spirit and "change in approach" to ensure that a budget will be passed on time to avoid a shutdown by Oct. 1.

The eight-member conference committee, inclusive of two alternate members, met yesterday mostly to discuss and agree on the budget for the Ex-

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## Cook falls from horse, dies

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A cook died on Monday or two days after he fell from a horse along Tun Joaquin Road in Finasisu, *Saipan Tribune* learned.

Felix Borja Villagomez, 51, a cook at Herman's Modern Bakery, was admitted in the intensive care unit at the Commonwealth Health Center where he died due to head injuries.

Villagomez was riding his horse on Saturday night when

he fell near the former Ladera International School of Saipan.

It was not clear whether he was on his way home to Chalan Kanoa or was going up the hill when the accident happened.

Police officers and medics arrived at the scene. The victim was then transported to CHC.

The Department of Public Safety has yet to release information to the media about the incident.

Villagomez is said to be the first fatality in a horse riding accident in the CNMI.



It is not clear whether there are laws in the CNMI requiring horse riders to wear helmets or any protective gears.

Some employees at Herman's Bakery said yesterday they were shocked with the untimely death of their co-worker.

Villagomez was known for riding horses on the island. His wife is Jessica Limes. They have young children.

FERDIE DE LA TORRE

A horse is seen here tied next to the house of the late Felix Borja Villagomez near the cemetery in Chalan Kanoa yesterday. Borja was known for riding horses on the island.

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## Local

# Healthcare Corp. board member says CEO's decisions irresponsible

## »Aguon: Improper management hinders corporation to get backers for transition

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The board member representing Tinian at the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. expressed disappointment on the leadership of CEO Juan N. Babauta, whom he accused of making not only irresponsible but unacceptable decisions for the organization but also practicing non-transparency to the board.

This was how Tinian board member Anthony Aguon described Babauta in his letter to board chair Joaquin Torres on Monday. He also requested Torres to call an emergency board meeting in his letter.

In a two-page letter to Torres, Aguon disclosed that the corporation management had hired under-qualified individuals as chief officers and did not renew employments of some federally funded employees without conducting an assessment. In all this, he said, the board was never consulted nor informed.

"Besides the fact that the management has been hiring under-qualified individuals as chief officers and various other positions, what concerns me the most is that it has been done without any official notification to the board of trustees. The non-renewal of federal employees also makes no

sense. Without any type of assessment of CHCC employees, I disagree with any employee firing or non-renewals. What worries me the most, however, is how non-transparent the CEO has been with these decisions," Aguon said.

Babauta was not available for comment when contacted yesterday and did not return this reporter's call as promised yesterday.

Email inquiries sent since Tuesday to the CEO were also not answered.

In a brief interview yesterday before his meeting, Torres told *Saipan Tribune* that he will review the last board meeting's

minutes where some issues raised by Aguon were also discussed. Torres, who was not present during the last board meeting, said he will inquire what has been achieved and accomplished by the board from this last meeting.

Aguon, in his letter to the chairman, also blamed the CEO on the situation at the Tinian Health Center, which until now has no permanent physician onboard as a result of a "management decision" which he described as not just irresponsible, but also unacceptable considering that the center is the only source of healthcare on Tinian. Aguon did not elaborate on the issue.

He likened the decision made at the Tinian Health Center with that of hiring the International Consulting Services (ICS), which did not follow the proper procurement procedures that resulted in its termination early this year. Aguon believes that the two major problems of the organization are its revenue-base and the corporation's management.

According to Aguon, the management team had also submitted only one monthly progress report since the corporation was formed in October 2011. Without the proper management of the corporation, "it is no wonder that we are hard-pressed to find backers to fund the first stage of our corporation's transition."

Furthermore, Aguon said the board has yet to see any solid business plan from management that shows how much money is needed to improve services and how money will be spent to increase the hospital's revenue.

This was one of the main requirements needed to avail of the \$7-million Marianas Public Land Trust loan which has yet to be satisfied by management for several months. MPLT officials earlier disclosed that non-release of the loan was due to the non-satisfaction of the corporation on the requirements that would show the paying capability of the corporation.

When the corporation was formed, its board was mandated to conduct an annual review of the corporation's CEO which did not happen. Babauta assumed the CEO post on Oct. 24 last year. Therefore, Aguon believes that the board has failed in this mandate.

"It is the CHCC board of trustees' responsibility to ensure that there is proper management and quality healthcare at CHCC, and we have, so far, failed our mandated duties. The board has also failed to address the mandated annual review of the CEO," Aguon added.

## DPL: E Land 'interested' in land lease for new hotel

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Acting Department of Public Lands secretary Ray Salas said yesterday that E Land is "interested" in leasing some 34,000 square meters of public lands in San Antonio to build a new hotel resort, months after the Korean investor group bought The Palms Resort in San Roque.

Salas said he met with E Land officials late last month to discuss the investor's plan for the property, previously planned for a \$30-million, 300-room condominium-hotel resort by another investor, Pacific Investment and Development Corp./Pacific Realty and Management Corp.

"So far there is no formal proposal yet from E Land on the land lease but we're hoping they will pursue this. If they pursue it, it will be welcome development for the CNMI," Salas told *Saipan Tribune*.

Salas said there are no information yet how large the planned hotel is or how much E Land is willing to invest to develop the property.

The Department of Public Lands, he said, is always ready to assist investors interested in leasing public lands for their projects.

House Commerce and Tourism Committee chair Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan) separately said yesterday that "it's always good to see investors still interested in investing in the CNMI."

"Hopefully this does come true and that it is a sign of things to come. By that, I mean an increase in the number of visitors to our is-

lands," Villagomez said.

DPL previously gave Pacific Investment a temporary authorization for entry to the San Antonio property that E Land is now interested in.

But because Pacific Investment has not submitted requirements such as a financial plan and engineering and architecture design to develop the area some two years later, DPL decided to revoke that temporary authorization and made the land available to other investors interested, most recently E Land.

E Land Park bought Palms Resort Saipan and other assets from United Micronesia Development Association Inc. for \$20 million. E Land Park is one of the many subsidiaries of E Land Group of Companies operating in China and South Korea.

Salas said one other major investor interested in leasing a large tract of land is the Sunshine 100. But just like E Land, there's not been any formal request yet to lease the land.

Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos earlier said Sunshine 100's investments in the CNMI could be as high as \$1 billion. The four-phased project is expected to include a five-star hotel in the former location of Far East Broadcasting overlooking the western coast of Saipan.

It will also include high-rise residential and commercial condominiums targeting high-end markets. The project area encompasses the site formerly leased by Flame Sako north of The Palms Resort all the way to Wing Beach and on to the former Far East Broadcasting location.



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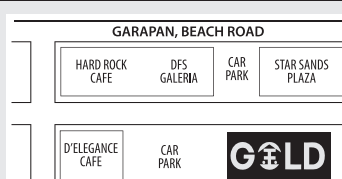
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# Marine sports operators want DPL, Tasi Tours held in contempt

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The five marine sports operators now want the Department of Public Lands and Tasi Tours & Transportation to be held in contempt.

The operators, through counsel Mark A. Scoggins, asked the Superior Court to order DPL and Tasi Tours to explain why they should not be held in contempt for allegedly violating the terms of the court's preliminary injunction.

The alleged violation that the operators were referring to was the recent DPL's filing of a proposed regulations to amend its 1993 regulations regarding the commercial use of Managaha Islands.

DPL acting Secretary Ramon S. Salas filed the proposed regulations due to a pending lawsuit filed by the five marine sports

operators against DPL.

Salas stated in the public notice that the amended regulations expressly provide that the pick up of persons for commercial activities from Managaha, regardless of how such persons were initially transported to the island, is limited to a designated concessionaire.

In a motion for an order to show cause filed on Thursday, the operators asked the court to set a hearing date on their motion.

Scoggins requested the court to intervene as soon as practicable so that the alleged violation may be stopped as quickly as possible.

Scoggins pointed out that, Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho in his opinion and order granting preliminary injunction, ordered that DPL and their officers, agents and attorneys are hereby enjoined

from enforcing the interpretation of the 1993 Regulations and June letters.

Scoggins such Salas' approval of the proposed regulations was in violation of both the letter and the spirit of the preliminary injunction.

The lawyer even noted that the amendment appears to have been prepared in haste, citing that it contains numerous misspelled words or uncorrected formatting errors, frequently referring to a "Mafiagaha Island."

Scoggins said this current attempt to promulgate new regulations, taken by DPL at the urging and with the assistance of Tasi Tours, constitutes a clear and direct violation of both the letter and spirit of the preliminary injunction.

"The new rule-making is merely an improper attempt to restrict petitioners access to Managaha during this time

when the injunction remains in place, and this DPL and Tasi Tours are forbidden to do," he said.

He said Tasi Tours has argued many times that it too is enjoined, and their respective legal counsels, should therefore be ordered to show cause why they should all not be held in contempt for violation of the court's preliminary injunction.

"An injunction should be respected, followed, and enforced, and should not be regarded as an invitation to the enjoined party to find a creative way to circumvent the injunction," Scoggins said.

The amendment, the lawyer said, is simply DPL and Tasi Tours' creative attempt to circumvent the lawful court's order.

Last Aug. 23, the five marine sports operators resumed their business operations after com-

plying with Judge Camacho's bond requirement order.

The operators—Island Marine Sports Inc., Aquatic Marine Co. Inc., Automarine Inc., Seahorse Inc., and BSEA Inc.—signed an acknowledgment of their responsibility for the unsecured amount.

The preliminary injunction that Camacho issued last July 19 granted the marine sports operators' request to maintain the status quo on Managaha access until their lawsuit against DPL is decided on its merits.

The operators are suing DPL to invalidate the department's "rule" promulgated on Dec. 13, 2011 and June 14, 2012 pertaining to Managaha access.

The subject "rule" prohibits marine sports operators from picking up customers on Managaha Island for their tours unless they are Tasi Tours or its subcontractors.

## Military training on FDM, Area W-517

The U.S. military will be conducting exercises on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla and Area W-517 south of Guam from Sept. 15 to 21, 2012, 8am-11:59pm. The general location of this activity will be on the island of Farallon de Mendenilla training area on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants and W-517, an area comprising 14,000 nautical miles of airspace that begins south of Guam and extends south-southwest into international waters.

The Emergency Management Office is strongly advising the public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—to stay away from this area during the time and dates indicated. (PR)

## Rotary to buy, distribute over 1K dictionaries this year

The Rotary Club of Saipan will purchase 1,140 dictionaries for distribution to third graders in public schools on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota this year.

Rotary secretary Richard Cody said yesterday that he was contacted by a Guam Rotary Club official to find out the exact number of dictionaries to be ordered.

Cody said he worked with the club's New Generation direc-

tor, Jeff Boyer, to come up with the final number of dictionaries they need.

He said they already placed the order and mailed the payment to Guam yesterday.

Now on its third year, Rotary Club of Saipan's dictionary project promotes education and literacy among third graders who are at the age when they can better absorb information from reference materials.

About 1,000 dictionaries were distributed to third graders during school year 2011-2012.

Delta Air Lines, an annual sponsor of the Rotary Club of Saipan's Parade of Books event, expressed its support for the project by paying for the cost of over 1,000 dictionaries, using funds from its yearly golf tournament.

Last school year, some 800 students on the three islands re-

ceived the dictionaries, which cost over \$1,500. The project was made possible with the assistance of the Rotary Club of Northern Guam, SoCal Dictionary Project of the Rotary Club of Pacific Basin out of San Diego, and Delta Air Lines.

Besides the dictionary project, the Rotary Club of Saipan also hosts annually for elementary students the Parade of Books event. (Clarissa V. David)

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# No US House action on HR 1466 before election

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A bill seeking to grant a CNMI-only resident status to four groups of nonresidents is not expected to be acted on by the U.S. House of Representatives before the Nov. 6 national elections, but hopes are high that those covered

in the bill will continue to be allowed to remain in the CNMI beyond Dec. 31, 2012.

This week, the U.S. House will have its three last session days before recess and Delegate Gregorio Kilili Sablan's (Ind-MP) H.R. 1466 is not on the agenda although it remains on union calendar.

When the U.S. House convenes again in October, the last one before the elections, no voting is expected on any bill.

"I don't see any reason why USCIS [U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services] should not continue the parole in place for those covered in HR 1466," Sablan said in a phone inter-

view last night, early morning in Washington, D.C.

Rabby Syed, president of the United Workers Movement-NMI, has been saying that worker groups will jointly ask Department of Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano to extend the parole in place "beyond" Dec. 31, 2012 to the

immediate relatives of U.S. citizens and certain "stateless" individuals covered in H.R. 1466.

Syed himself earlier said HR 1466 would have difficulty moving in U.S. Congress before the end of 2012 because of the November national election and the January inauguration, so it would make sense to "automati-

cally extend the humanitarian parole granted to those covered in HR 1466."

HR 1466 seeks a grant of CNMI-only resident status for immediate relatives of U.S. citizens as of May 8, 2008 and continuing to be on the islands, CNMI permanent residents, those born in the CNMI between Jan. 1, 1974 and Jan. 9, 1978, and spouses, parents, or children of U.S. citizens under the Immigration and Nationality Act.

During Thanksgiving 2011, USCIS announced it will consider granting, on a case-by-case basis, parole until Dec. 31, 2012, to those covered in HR 1466.

This parole allows individuals who are lawfully present in the CNMI as of Nov. 27, 2011, to maintain legal status in the CNMI beyond that date.

The Fitial administration opposed HR 1466 and the granting of such humanitarian parole for those covered in the bill. The administration had said "the cost of allowing all these unemployed [and unemployable] foreigners to remain in a very small economy like the CNMI is very high. This could give rise to a larger underground economy and cause more legitimate businesses to close."

## HONOR SOCIETY

Members of the Tinian Jr. Sr. High School's National Honor Society. Picture taken in Mrs. Lizabeth Hofschneider's classroom during our first general meeting after school started. From left to right: Crystal Borja, Mrs. Lizabeth Hofschneider (advisor), Carlyn Hofschneider, Darshae Camacho, Yun Ha Seo, Veronica Borja, Ellimae Almogela, Rikkie Farrell, Jonalyn Lizama, Jessabel Nededog, Leinani Conanan, Darsha Camachom Patrick Kwon, Alonica Anore, Christopher Famaw, Marciano King, Noelanie Santos, Ken Causauran, and Seoyeon Ahn.

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## REPORT

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reau of Economic Analysis.

The BEA report calculated that GDP in the CNMI was \$619 million in 2010, up 2.3 percent from \$605 in 2009.

GDP measures the output of goods and services produced by the private and public sectors. It is the primary indicator with which to measure the state of the economy at a certain period in time.

For comparison, real GDP for the U.S., excluding the territories, increased 2.4 percent in 2010.

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Gov. Eloy S. Inos, Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP), CNMI Commerce Secretary Sixto Igisomar, and Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan separately welcomed the release of the 2010 GDP report yesterday.

Fitial said he is "extremely pleased" that the CNMI's economy saw much improve-

ment in 2010.

"Lt. Gov. Inos and I are proud that our administration has worked hard to find ways to rebound from the economic crisis in the region. Today, we are truly delighted to see that under our watch, we have delivered promising results for our economy and our people. Even tourism services increased because of the number of visitors to the islands, offsetting continued declines in exports of goods," the governor said.

### 'Encouraging'

Sablan, for his part, said he was encouraged to see an uptick in GDP after six straight years of declines, including a drop of 19 percent in 2009.

"It is encouraging to see that economic activity picked up in 2010. We need all the encouragement we can get after years of economic decline. But looking around today, many people would say that our current economy is still getting worse, not

better. GDP is half what it was in 2002. So we still have a long way to go to fixing our economy. But, at least in 2010, we had some growth," Sablan said.

Brennan, meanwhile, said the Saipan Chamber of Commerce always welcomes improved statistical analysis reflecting the CNMI's economic situation.

"The SCC agrees with the analysis presented by BEA as accurately reflecting data gathered. Territorial government spending accounted for total compensation increases, and a slight increase in locally produced exports, accounted for the changes in GDP trends. Hopefully, this represents the bottom as we pass through it," Brennan said.

### First time

For the first time, the CNMI's report includes GDP figures by industry, compensation by industry, and detailed consumer spending.

"With the new additions to the CNMI GDP report, we are

able to hone down a bit more on the source of increases within the GDP. This positive increase largely reflects increases in consumer spending, export of services, the tourism sector, and territorial government consumption, expenditures, and gross investments," Fitial said.

U.S. Commerce BEA deputy director Dr. Brian Moyer, economist and program manager Aya Hamano, and Nicole Mayerhauser, chief of the National Income and Wealth Division, were on hand yesterday morning to personally present the latest GDP report to the governor.

Igisomar, who joined BEA officials in a briefing yesterday with the governor, lauded the BEA for its continued support and efforts to effectively track the CNMI's GDP on an annual basis.

"We appreciate the timely release of the GDP report and we continue to work with the BEA and the Department of the Interior to assist the CNMI with

necessary technical assistance and/or guidance to speed up future report releases to within a year, if not less," he said.

The full report can be accessed at the CNMI Department of Commerce website, <http://commerce.gov.mp>.

### Details

BEA also said per capita real GDP for the CNMI increased in 2010, reflecting the growth in real GDP and a continued decline in the population.

It said "the growth of the economy in 2010 largely reflected increases in territorial government spending, in consumer spending, and in exports of goods and services. Economic growth was tempered by an increase in imports."

Exports increased for the first time after five consecutive years of decline. Tourism services, which make up the majority of exports of services, increased due to an increase in the number of visitors to the islands, offset-

ting continued declines in exports of goods, BEA added.

In 2010, spending on both goods and services contributed to the increase in overall consumer spending for the year.

Net foreign travel, calculated as spending by CNMI residents abroad less spending by nonresidents in the CNMI, contributed negatively to growth in consumer spending as spending by visitors to the CNMI outpaced that of CNMI residents traveling abroad.

The significant declines in manufacturing from 2005 to 2009 reflected the decline of the garment manufacturing industry.

Total compensation grew in 2010, reflecting increases in both private and government compensation.

However, compensation for the manufacturing sector continued to decline, falling each year from 2005 to 2010.

BEA currently plans to release estimates for 2011 in the spring of 2013.

## JOINT

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ecutive Branch, independent agencies and the three senatorial districts.

Basa, one of two spokespersons for the joint committee, said their approval of a \$5-million direct subsidy to CHC is premised on the fact that the corporation will eventually receive a long-awaited \$7-million loan from the Marianas Public Land Trust.

MPLT, in turn, is expecting that an amended "sin tax/sweet tax" law will be in

place to ensure there's funding source for CHC to pay back MPLT for its loan.

"We are looking at introducing the budget bill and the sin tax bill simultaneously," Basa added.

Rep. Stanley Torres (Ind-Saipan), not a member of the joint budget panel, said he hopes the committee will be able to come up with a compromise bill as soon as possible so that there won't be a repeat of the 2010 government shutdown that forced more than 1,000 government employees out of work for days until a budget was put in place.

The deadlock at that time was mostly on work hour cuts per pay day.

But this year, the House and Senate agreed with the Fitial administration's proposal to restore 80 work hours every payroll.

Basa said the panel also has yet to address the additional 4 percent in employer contribution for those who will continue to be in the defined contribution plan because as of now, they still don't know how many will be sticking to this plan.

"What I recommend is past the budget now and later on, we

can amend it when we have solid data on how much it will cost the government," he added.

Melvin Faisao, secretary of the Department of Community and Cultural Affairs, along with other DCCA officials and employees, met with the conference committee on budget members to ask for additional full-time employees for the Division of Youth Services and the Historic Preservation Office, among other things.

Faisao said they are asking for nine additional FTEs, but the joint panel is so far looking at six. These include positions for an administrative hearing

officer, a social worker, and a historian.

Among those who met with the DCCA officials were Basa, vice speaker Felicidad Ogumoro (Cov-Saipan), and Senate Fiscal Affairs Committee chair and lead Senate conferee Jovita Taimanao (Ind-Rota). Taimanao said the panel is intent on coming up with a compromise budget on time.

Besides Taimanao, Basa, and Ogumoro, the other budget conferees are House Speaker Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan), Senate vice president Jude Hofschneider (R-Tinian), and Sen. Ralph Torres (R-Saipan). The alternate

members are Rep. Ray Yumul (R-Saipan) and Sen. Frank Cruz (R-Tinian).

Other lawmakers interviewed said right now, the priority should be the budget.

Just the same, the Special Committee on Impeachment chaired by House minority leader Joe Deleon Guerrero (R-Saipan) will resume their meeting today to review subpoena letters that will be sent out.

The impeachment panel is reviewing House Resolution 17-111, which listed 16 articles of impeachment against Gov. Benigno R. Fitial for felony, corruption, and neglect of duty.



# Fund records 813 withdrawals after second day

## »All applications will be treated as urgent

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More and more active members of the NMI Retirement Fund are withdrawing their contributions from the pension system with so far a total of 813 refund applications received by the agency at the end of business hours yesterday.

Yesterday was the second day active members are allowed to file applications to withdraw their contributions.

The 813 refund applications as of yesterday already reflects

27 percent of the entire active members' count which is about 3,000.

It was on Monday when the Fund opened the submission of refund applications of members following the enactment of Public Law 17-82, or the CNMI Pension Reform Act of 2012, which authorizes members to take back all their contributions with interest from the program and can elect to terminate their membership to the system.

Last Sept. 14, the Fund released a memorandum to members explaining how the process

will be handled by the agency.

Members were informed that if they have outstanding member home loan or if they are currently paying for prior service credit or making payments toward underpaid employee contributions, their refund application will be marked as "special processing" and may take slightly longer to process than members who have no outstanding obligations.

"For the purpose of fairness to all members, elections to terminate and receive a refund will be processed strictly in the order received [with the exception

of the special processing]. No consideration can be given for hardships such as death in the family, medical needs, loss of electrical power, foreclosure on primary residence, moving off-island or any other personal circumstances," the Fund memorandum stated, adding that there is no need for members to write or phone for follow-ups.

The Fund also said that it will treat each request for a refund as an urgent need and process as expeditiously as possible. Each election will be numerically stamped upon receipt and refunds will be processed in batches—like several hundred

each Friday.

The Fund pointed out that if a member takes no action, or did not apply for refund, employee contributions will continue to be deducted from their paycheck and remitted to the Fund. This will continue to earn interest at the prevailing savings rate at each fiscal year end.

For those inactive members with over 15 years of service, the refund process is 25 percent within 30 days of approval and the balance is within 90 days thereafter.

For inactive members with less than 15 years of service, the Fund's regular refund of contri-

bution process will be applied, which is 100 percent contributions within 90 days after the submission.

Meantime, the Fund indicated that if a DC plan member wants to terminate contributions to the DC plan, they have to inquire with the ASC Trust if they believe they are qualified.

"If you do not terminate your employee contributions to the DC plan and your employer will continue to make the 4 percent employer contribution to your account, you will continue to obtain vesting, until you reach five years of service, at which time you will be 100 percent vested in the employer contributions," the Fund's memorandum stated.

## Investigators determine that alcohol was not a factor in fatal CK car crash

By **FERDIE DE LA TORRE**  
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REPORTER

Traffic investigators determined that alcohol was not a factor in the car crash that killed a Nepalese security guard and seriously injured his wife in Chalan Kanoa on early morning Saturday.

"This case is pending further investigation," Police Officer Jason Tarkong said yesterday.

Tarkong said that, on Saturday at 12:26am, police responded to an auto accident on Beach Road by the former Pacific Gardenia Hotel.

Preliminary investigation showed that that a 2000 silver Toyota Echo was traveling south on the inner lane when it lost control and veered off.

The car struck two signboard poles with tarpaulin for Sandy Beach Homes and a concrete wall, coming to rest on its side by the Silver Hotel building.

Due to the strong impact, a portion of the concrete wall or fence measuring about three to four feet high was shattered.

Department of Public Safety emergency rescue units responded to the scene. The driver, a 45-year-old Nepalese security guard, was trapped in the car and had to be extricated.

The driver was transported to the Commonwealth Health Center and pronounced dead by a doctor at 1:17am that same day due to severe head trauma.

The driver's wife, a 40-year-

old Chinese who was the passenger, suffered multiple rib fractures, a neck injury, and a shattered pelvis. She was listed in stable condition at the CHC and admitted for additional treatment and observation.

Saipan Tribune learned that prior to the accident, the driver identified as a certain Rajesh, came from work at the Joeten Hafa Adai Shopping Center. After picking up his wife from work in Susupe, the two were on their way to their Chalan Kanoa home.

The couple has two children—both girls ages 8 and 10 years old. A neighbor said the children are both nice and would usually help their mother with house chores.

## Fugitive suspected 'ice' supplier pleads guilty to possession, gets 3 years in jail

A fugitive man accused of selling crystal methamphetamine or "ice" yesterday entered a guilty plea to illegal possession of controlled substance and was slapped with a three-year jail term.

Changfeng Zhang, 30, also known as KK, signed a plea agreement with the CNMI government. For pleading guilty to illegal possession of controlled substance, the government agreed to dismiss the remaining charges of three counts of trafficking of controlled substance and three counts of conspiracy to distribute controlled substance.

Superior Court Associate Judge Perry B. Inos accepted

the plea agreement and sentenced Zhang to three years in prison.

Inos ordered the defendant to pay a \$2,000 fine plus court costs and required him to perform 200 hours of community work service.

Inos said Zhang shall cooperate with the government in the prosecution of his co-defendant Jun Fang.

The judge ordered Zhang to come back on Sept. 24, 2012 at 1:30pm for his traffic case.

According to assistant attorney general James McAllister, on June 15, 2012 Zhang was in possession of \$200 worth of "ice" weighing about three gross grams which was delivered to a third party.

Last July, members of the Drug Enforcement Task Force arrested Zhang.

DETf Detective Steven A. Castro stated in his report that they were able to purchase from Zhang a total of \$1,200 worth of "ice" during three monitored and controlled buy-walk operations on June 15 and 16, and on July 6, 2012.

Castro said further investigations showed that Zhang is wanted by the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement for removal from the United States.

Later on the same month of July, police also arrested Fang, who was Zhang's suspected "ice" supplier. (Ferdie de la Torre)

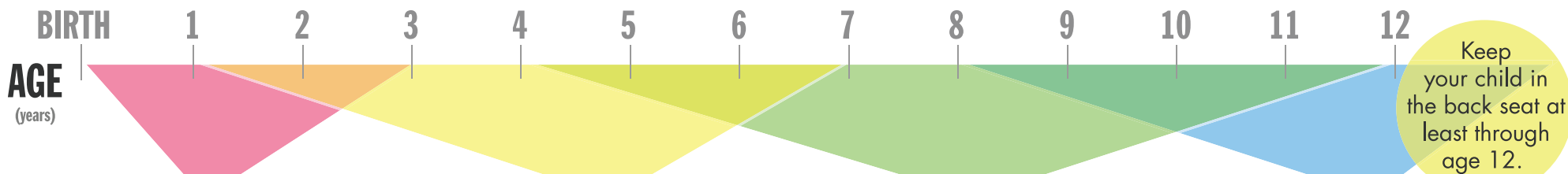


## NATIONAL CHILD PASSENGER SAFETY WEEK SEPTEMBER 16 - 22, 2012



### Car Seat Recommendations for Children

- Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, and choose a seat that fits in your vehicle and use it every time.
- Always refer to your specific car seat manufacturer's instructions; read the vehicle owner's manual on how to install the car seat using the seat belt or LATCH system; and check height and weight limits.
- To maximize safety, keep your child in the car seat for as long as possible, as long as the child fits within the manufacturer's height and weight requirements.
- Keep your child in the back seat at least through age 12.



#### REAR-FACING CAR SEAT

Your child under age 1 should always ride in a rear-facing car seat. There are different types of rear-facing car seats: Infant-only seats can only be used rear-facing. Convertible and 3-in-1 car seats typically have higher height and weight limits for the rear-facing position, allowing you to keep your child rear-facing for a longer period of time.

#### FORWARD-FACING CAR SEAT

Keep your child rear-facing as long as possible. It's the best way to keep him or her safe. Your child should remain in a rear-facing car seat until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the rear-facing car seat, your child is ready to travel in a forward-facing car seat with a harness.

#### BOOSTER SEAT

Keep your child in a forward-facing car seat with a harness until he or she reaches the top height or weight limit allowed by your car seat's manufacturer. Once your child outgrows the forward-facing car seat with a harness, it's time to travel in a booster seat, but still in the back seat.

#### SEATBELT

Keep your child in a booster seat until he or she is big enough to fit in a seat belt properly. For a seat belt to fit properly the lap belt must lie snugly across the upper thighs, not the stomach. The shoulder belt should lie snug across the shoulder and chest and not cross the neck or face. Remember: your child should still ride in the back seat because it's safer there.

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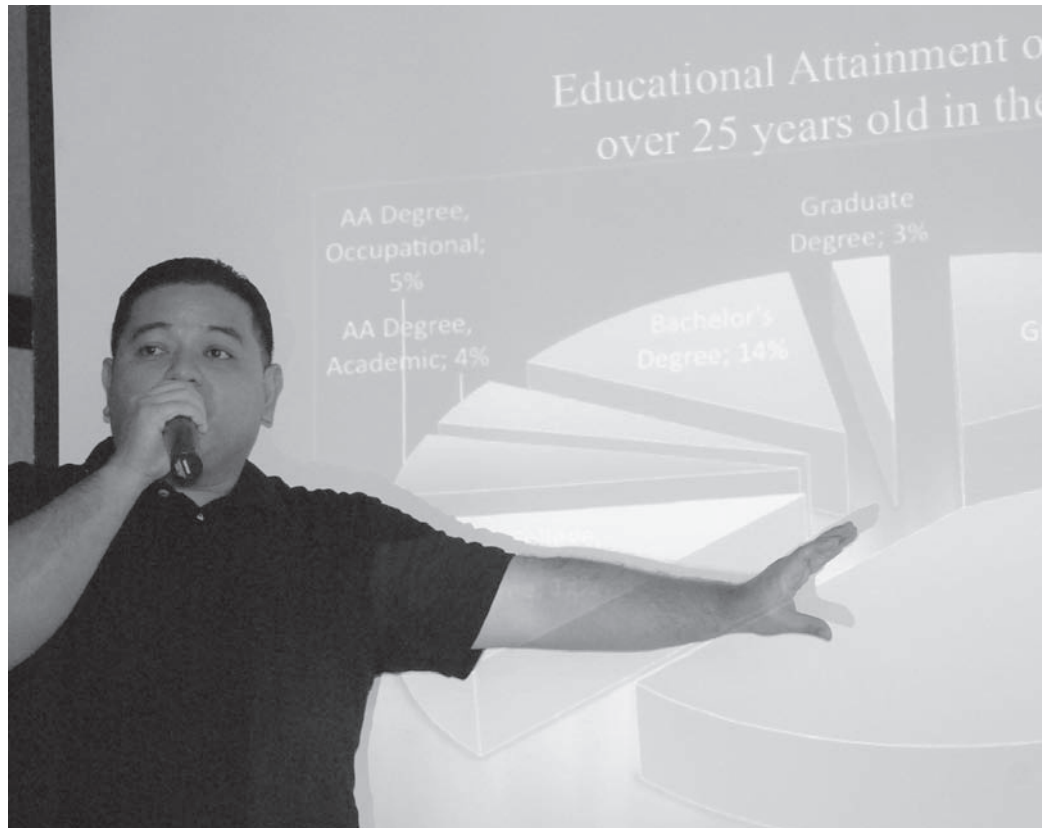
# 'Over 25 is fastest growing student segment in higher education'

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REPORTER

With the enrollment of college students 25 years or older projected to increase in the next 10 years, the "over 25" student population has become the fastest growing segment in higher education enrollment in the U.S. and constitutes in part the "nontraditional" students that the Northern Marianas College would like to accommodate through its new and "very exciting" program.

Frankie M. Eliptico, NMC director for external relations, said yesterday that the Climb Higher Initiative aims to reach out to the nontraditional student population within the community by helping them earn their college degrees while accomplishing their personal and professional obligations.

Eliptico, guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting held at Hyatt Regency Saipan, described nontraditional students as typically 25 years or older, currently working full- or part-time in the government or private sector, have had a break in their educational



Frankie M. Eliptico, director for external affairs at the Northern Marianas College, gestures as he talks about the "over 25" students who comprise the "nontraditional" students to benefit the college's Climb Higher initiative, during the Rotary Club of Saipan meeting at Hyatt Regency yesterday.

journey due to personal commitments or obligations, and have dependents other than a spouse.

Compared to the nontraditional students, "traditional" students are usually those age 18 to 22 years and come out of

high school and attend college full-time.

"The Climb Higher Initiative at the NMC is really the

college's way of reaching out to the nontraditional student population," Eliptico addressed the Rotarians.

He admitted that the college has not been aggressive in recruiting nontraditional students and focuses on taking in more traditional students.

But Eliptico noted that only 16 percent of total college enrollment in the U.S. fits the traditional student model, while the over 25 student population is projected to increase in double digits within the next decade.

According to Eliptico, most of NMC's students belong in the traditional student population for various reasons, including the lack of part-time scholarship programs, having student services catered only to traditional students, and fewer evening or weekend classes offered.

Thanks to the assistance of the College Access Challenge Program, NMC is now able to extend its services to these nontraditional students through the Climb Higher Initiative.

Eliptico said they have been communicating with nontraditional students to find out how

NMC can meet their needs, and among their recommendations are additional evening courses, accelerated time period, and combining online courses with in-class type of instruction.

He said the Climb Higher initiative and corresponding options will be better explained to nontraditional students through the upcoming summit next month.

The Climb Higher Summit is slated for Oct. 5, from 8am to noon at Charley's Cabaret of the Pacific Islands Club in San Antonio.

Eliptico said the summit is designed to provide working professionals all available options for those who want to enjoy the benefits of having a college degree. Information regarding available financial aid and degree programs will be presented at the summit.

Because of the "overwhelming" response of the community to the summit, Eliptico said they closed the registration last week and are planning to host another one in the next few months.

For more information about the Climb Higher initiative, call NMC at 234-5498.

## 8K ballots for Nov. 6 mid-term polls arrive; CEC to start sending absentee ballots

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Commonwealth Election Commission executive director Robert A. Guerrero disclosed yesterday that the commission received on Monday 18,000 ballots from Alabama to be used in this year's mid-term elections.

The commission completed the ballot inventory yesterday and started preparing the packages to be sent to absentee voters who requested the ballot forms.

Guerrero said absentee re-

questors will soon receive their packages as the commission will begin shipping them this afternoon or tomorrow morning.

As of Sept. 17, the commission recorded a total of 621 absentee voters who requested ballots from the agency. This figure is anticipated to increase in the coming days as the commission will continue to receive requests 25 days before election day, or until Oct. 12. Absentee voters can download the request form from the agency's website, according to the executive director.

In the previous elections, the

commission received approximately 1,500 absentee requests.

Guerrero pointed out that those who made the request will only be getting the absentee ballots pursuant to election law. Every election, the commission generates new list of requests for absentee voting.

The printing of ballots took place in Alabama because the vendor for the machines that will be used during the elections is located in the area.

The CNMI mid-term elections is set on Nov. 6 this year of which following positions

are up for grabs: 20 seats at the House of Representatives; three seats at the Senate; three seats for Board of Education; all positions at the municipal councils; retention of judges; and one position for U.S. Delegate to national congress. There are also three legislative initiatives for the voters to ratify. These include House Legislative Initiative 17-2 which will make the attorney general an elected position; Senate Legislative Initiative 17-12 which seeks to amend Northern Marianas College's Board of Regents to revise NMC's mission statement;

and House Legislative Initiative 17-5 which will allow the government to float a bond.

In a couple of weeks, Guerrero said public education for these three legislative initiatives will also commence, in collaboration with the Northern Marianas College.

As of yesterday, translation and publication have been completed in time for the materials' dissemination in the coming days.

The commission earlier disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that it will be using a bigger, quicker machine that will bring to

three the total machines to be used in tabulating ballots on Nov. 6. The machine will be shipped out from Alabama, along with technical support staffers, at least one week before the election.

Guerrero anticipated that given the capacity and efficiency of the three machines, tabulation is expected to be quicker than expected.

As of Sept. 13, the commission posted a total of 16,745 registered voters on Saipan, Tinian, and Rota.

## 2 more over-the-cap salary certification

Gov. Benigno R. Fitial certified the over-the-cap salaries of one assistant attorney general and one government engineer.

The governor is required by law to report salaries that are over \$50,000 a year.

Fitial certified and granted on Friday the \$52,000 annual salary of assistant attorney general Jacinta M. Kaipat, formerly with the Department of Labor.

Yesterday, the governor also certified and granted the \$65,000 annual salary of Casiano M. Bostre, a professional engineer at the Department of Public Works.

The two letters also served as notification to the Civil Service Commission chair of the over-the-cap salary certification.

The Salary Amendment Act of 1992 sets the salary ceiling for government employees at \$50,000. However, the law gives the governor the authority to waive the ceiling, and submit a certification to the Legislature. (*Haidee V. Eugenio*)

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vs.

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**FCD DI CIVIL ACTION NO. 11-0456R**

**SUMMONS FOR PUBLICATION**

TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT:

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and notified to file any answer you wish to make to the Complaint, a copy which is on file with the court, within thirty (30) days after service of the Summons upon you, and to deliver or mail a copy of your answer to the Petitioner whose address is P.O. Box 1488, Rota, MP 96951, as soon as practicable after filing your answer or sending it to the Clerk of Courts for filing.

Your answer should be in writing and filed with the Clerk of this Court at Susupe, Saipan, MP 96950. It may be prepared for you by your counsel and sent to the Clerk of this Court by messenger or mail. It is not necessary for you to appear personally until further notice. If you fail to file and answer in accordance with this summons, judgment by default may be taken against you for relief in the complaint.

Dated this 12th day of March, 2012:

/s/Clerk of Court

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### REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS 2012-CDA-08-ITB

CLOSING DATE: Monday, September 24, 2012 • TIME: 10:00 a.m.

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Copies of the Scope of Work may be obtained at the Commonwealth Development Authority office, 1st Floor Wakin's Bldg. in Gualo Rai, Saipan during regular working hours or by facsimile request to 235-7147.

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/s/ MANUEL A. SABLAN  
Executive Director

/s/ HERMAN S. SABLAN  
Director, Procurement and Supply

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# Rota residents suffering from weeklong power interruption

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Residents of Rota have been suffering from a weeklong power interruption and the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. has yet to explain the reason behind the disruption of electrical service on the island.

Affected residents and business owners interviewed yesterday are worried about the power interruption's negative impact on their livelihood as well as to their appliances that can be damaged by un-announced power outages.

A 45-year-old mother from Sinapalo Village told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that they started experiencing continuous power interruptions that lasted several hours since last week.

The outages, she said, usually occur in the early morning

when children start preparing for school or when employees are about to go to work.

Frustrated by the situation, the mother complained that even more disappointing is the fact that no advance notice has been relayed to customers so they can prepare for the situation.

An employee of a government office in the same area also shared that because of the unexpected power cut every day, office computers and other equipment have been affected. The employee said the situation has also the same impact to the business owners, many of whom don't have generators.

The employee also noted that families, especially those with young children, suffer the most at night when power is out.

Like the mother from Sinapalo, the employee blamed the

lack of information released by CUCas to what is really happening on their power situation.

*Saipan Tribune* contacted CUC Rota deputy director Charles Manglona, who confirmed the power interruptions yesterday but refused to disclose further information. He said a report from his office was already submitted to CUC's main office on Saipan which is expected to release the information to the media.

CUC acting executive director Alan Fletcher, meantime, told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that CUC is aware of the problem and will have more details today. He added that CUC crews are currently working on the issue and will have another team on island this weekend.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the unannounced power interruptions started occurring

on Rota last Sept. 16. Outages have been noted every day lasting from one to three hours, occurring either in the morning or in the evening.

The cause of the successive interruptions was said to be the "old and dilapidated" insulators that need to be replaced and the successive heavy rains during the past couple of days.

Insulators are used in electrical equipment to support and separate electrical conductors without allowing current through themselves. The term insulator is also used more specifically to refer to insulating supports used to attach electric power distribution or transmission lines to utility poles and transmission towers.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the successive power outages affect mostly areas in Feeder 3 which covers Sinapalo all the

way to the airport, and portions at Feeder 2 which covers areas of districts 1 and 2 and Annex F. Rota has three feeders.

An estimated 500 to 600 cus-

tomers are said to be affected by the current situation. It was learned that replacing old insulators would lessen the power interruptions on the island.



## COMMUNITY BRIEFS

### BoH to hold Internal Fraud Prevention for Businesses seminar today

Bank of Hawaii will host an Internal Fraud Prevention for Businesses seminar today, Sept. 19, from 5:30pm to 6:30pm at the bank's Garapan branch.

The bank is hosting a free series of "Smart Money Seminars" throughout the year, covering different financial topics like how to save and invest, how to protect yourself against fraud, and more. Free and open for anyone to attend, we hope that these seminars will arm you with the knowledge to keep you financially safe. **(PR)**

### Military to conduct training at FDM

**SANTA RITA, Guam**—The U.S. Marine Corps will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla on Sept. 22, 11am-11pm.

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the CNMI.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-4055/3209. **(PR)**

### SSHS PTA meeting today

Saipan Southern High School will holding its first Parent Teachers Association meeting today, Sept. 19, 6pm at the Manta Café. Parents and legal guardians are requested to attend the meeting. **(PR)**

# JKPL joins effort to promote health literacy

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REPORTER

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is joining the efforts of community organizations and other partners in promoting health literacy throughout the Commonwealth.

JKPL's Erlinda C. Naputi said the state library has lined up activities in conjunction with the Let's Move Marianas 2012.

Let's Move Marianas is a campaign aimed at raising public education and awareness

about the epidemic of chronic diseases affecting the people and encouraging families to adopt much healthier and more active lifestyles. It is in line with First Lady Michelle Obama's campaign to fight childhood obesity.

A "Let's Move Marianas" Expo is slated for Sept. 29, Saturday, from 7am to noon at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Among the activities to be hosted by the library is the Eagle Books Read Aloud today and on

Sept. 26 at 4pm.

JKPL will also offer to the public free viewing of the documentary film "Weight of the Nation" at 4:30pm also on Sept. 19 and 26.

Healthy cooking demonstrations are also scheduled on Saturday, Sept. 22 from 11:30am to 2pm.

Naputi noted that learning materials on various health-related topics such as cooking and exercising will be on display at the library.

She encouraged library patrons to provide feedback on JKPL programs and services catering to the entire family.

JKPL is located in Susupe and is open Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 6pm and Saturday from 9am to 4pm. For more information, visit the library, call 235-READ (7323) or 7316, log on to [www.cnmilibrary.com](http://www.cnmilibrary.com) or email [joetenkiyupubliclibrary@gmail.com](mailto:joetenkiyupubliclibrary@gmail.com).

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**INTERESTED PERSONS** may obtain application forms at the OPM offices in the CNMI, at the Judiciary Administrative Office at the Guma Hustisia/limwal Aweewe/House of Justice in Susupe, or at the Superior Court offices on Tinian and Rota. Completed applications, cover letter, resume certified copy of law school transcript, writing sample, and three references should be submitted to:

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# Garapan stakeholders commit to watershed improvements

The Garapan Conservation Action Plan workshop wrapped up Thursday afternoon at Hafadai Beach Hotel after four days of discussion and collaboration between natural resource groups which are aiming to tackle many of the environmental problems facing the Garapan watershed.

Stakeholders attending included over 70 individuals representing over 20 groups, including local and federal government agencies, private businesses and contractors, non-profits, and NMC faculty and students. Over the next several years, participants will be working with community groups, businesses, and others to make Garapan a more healthy, thriving, and resilient place for both the community and the environment.

The "watershed" is defined as all the land area where rainfall drains to common points in the lagoon. It includes everything from Takpochau Road west out into the lagoon, from Smiling Cove to the north down to the Garapan Fishing Base and beyond in the south.

The stakeholders who participated in the workshop were specifically focused on the land-based sources of pollution and human impacts on the marine environment. Participants identified bacteria from human and animal waste, nutrients from



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DEQ Watershed coordinator Kaitlin Mattos identifies strategies for implementation of the four-day Garapan Conservation Action Plan workshop which wrapped up last Thursday at the Hafadai Beach Hotel

upland farming, chemicals that get poured into storm drains, and sediments from unpaved roads or improper land clearing as some of the most important pollutants coming from land.

Marine threats included rec-

reational activities that damage the reef such as anchoring or removal of sea grass habitats, directed hunting of turtles and the effects of fishing on the Garapan reefs. The group also voiced concerns about trash,

invasive species, and climate change effects, which will have impacts on both marine and land habitats.

By the end of the workshop, all participants had an understanding of the scope of the Garapan watershed and the many focal habitats and species that were important to conserve, as well as the threats to their survival. Stakeholders also spent a lot of time figuring out solutions to improve the area, such as forming an interagency work group to improve unpaved roads, implementing new monitoring and management plans for marine resources, evaluating and enhancing enforcement capacity, and maintaining and improving stormwater drainage systems.

All stakeholders agreed that the opportunity to network and collaborate on projects was one of the most valuable outcomes of the workshop. The relevant groups will begin working on projects and making improvements immediately. They will continue to evaluate their progress and initiate new programs annually under the Conservation Action Plan framework facilitated by The Nature Conservancy and the CNMI's Division of Environmental Quality.

This workshop was funded by NOAA's Coral Reef Initiative and The Nature Conservancy through DEQ's Non-point Source Pollution branch. For more information, please contact Kaitlin Mattos, at 664-8500. (PR)

## Rota road project breaks ground

Rota officials broke ground last Sept. 10 for a road improvement project that is expected to be completed within 10 months.

Rota Mayor Melchor Mendiola said on Friday that the project, funded by capital improvement project monies, involves paving the two-mile road from Sinapalo I by the entrance to the airport to the Bird Sanctuary.

"The project would benefit both residents and tourists

because right now, it's only a coral road," Mendiola told *Saipan Tribune*.

Project manager Dennis Tupas of GPPC, contractor for the project, said in a separate interview that two of their staff attended last Monday's groundbreaking ceremony.

Tupas said GPPC was issued last Aug. 20 the notice to proceed for the project which has a price tag of \$1.64 million.

The project, Tupas said, involves asphaltting of the 8,350-foot long road to be completed within 300 days from the time the notice to proceed was issued.

Tupas added that about 25 employees will work on the project to meet the time limit, which does not take into account external or other project-related factors such as weather or project design issues. (Clarissa V. David)

## Coast Guard assists rescue of missing boaters in Marshalls

**HONOLULU**—The U.S. Coast Guard has located three missing mariners in the Republic of the Marshall Islands after earlier reports Saturday that a 15-foot vessel was overdue.

The Coast Guard Joint Rescue Coordination Center in Honolulu was contacted by the search and rescue liaison in Majuro at approximately 10pm reporting a Panga from Jaluit Atoll overdue with one person onboard.

After issuing a safety broadcast to mariners and determining that there were no local mariners in the region to assist, Coast Guard Air Station Barbers Point launched a C-130 crew to conduct a search.

The crew of the C-130 arrived on scene at approximately 12pm and searched for two hours before spotting a similar vessel

and three people on a neighboring island.

The Coast Guard contacted the Australian Maritime Surveillance Advisory who liaison with the Pacific patrol boat *Lomor* to investigate.

*Lomor* was able to determine that the vessel spotted was the missing vessel and is assisting the operator with getting fuel and conducting repairs before it will be escorted to its homeport. (USCG)

## Sept. 15 winners of Tan Holdings 40th Anniversary Raffle

Here are the winners of the Sept. 15 Tan Holdings 40th Anniversary raffle. Winners need to present their coupons at the Kanoa front desk when receiving their prizes.

Prize	Ticket No.	Name
■ \$100	1431	Alvin Mathew Sablan
■ \$20 GC from NAMI Bar	1264	Roger Apilado
■ \$20 GC from Chambre Bar	1081	Ardel Tumbaga
■ \$20 GC from Barefoot	1030	Janilyn
■ \$20 GC from Chambre Bar	1372	Ellen Camacho
■ \$20 GC from D&Q	1642	Imelda Olivo
■ \$20 GC from Cosmos	0091	Mylene Banatasa
■ \$20 GC from D&Q	1763	Antonie Santos
■ \$20 GC from D&Q	0155	Ric Villanueva
■ \$10 GC from Tribes bar	0252	Charlene Beceril

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 19, 2000

### House appeals to feds on crop insurance

The House of Representatives has formally requested the U.S. Department of Agriculture to extend a federal crop insurance program to the CNMI, citing the need to assist local farmers and ranchers. In endorsing the move, the Committee on Health and Welfare said a mechanism to protect local crops and investment by farmers must be in place in order to encourage development of agriculture industry on the islands. HR 12-63, sponsored by Rep. William S. Torres, called on the USDA through August Schumacher, undersecretary of farm and foreign service, to implement the program here, which is similar to the assistance provided to all farmers across the nation.

### NMC: Regulate entry of postsecondary schools

The Northern Marianas College has opposed a House proposal seeking to promote the establishment of more postsecondary institutions, saying it lacks a mechanisms that would regulate their entry into the CNMI. Acting NMC President Alvaro A. Santos said such policy would be dangerous since this will allow any school organization to set up a college here without the benefit of a scrutiny. "The wisdom of allowing anybody, person or organization, to establish a postsecondary educational institution in the Commonwealth without regulation by any agency of the government is questionable and even dangerous," warned Mr. Santos.

Sept. 19, 2001

### 'Fund's overseas investments safe'

Despite the reported drop in stock market indices worldwide in the wake of the terrorist attacks in the US mainland, the Northern Mariana Islands Retirement Fund assured that its international investments remain safe and sound and have not been adversely affected. "The Fund's investments are doing just fine and are perfectly safe. The Fund was very lucky in that none of its money managers nor the Fund's consultants had offices in any of the buildings that were damaged or destroyed," assured Kathleen Troy-Rucker, the Fund's legal counsel. She also stressed that the Fund has no immediate plans of liquidating or withdrawing its international investments, saying that this action is still a remote possibility.

### 'No need to declare state of emergency yet'

Panicking government officials almost jumped the gun on US President George W. Bush on Monday when they reportedly urged Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio to declare a state of emergency in the CNMI. Thankfully, cooler heads prevailed. Believing that Bush has already declared war, some government officials in the CNMI allegedly tried to prevail on Tenorio to declare a state of emergency during a meeting Monday afternoon. "They were already panicking, saying it was urgent that the Governor declare the state of emergency. I don't think that Bush has already declared a state of war. What I know is that Bush called on the US military to be prepared for war," said House Speaker Benigno R. Fitial.

Sept. 19, 2002

### 'Plan to release govt money will hurt private depositors'

The proposal allowing government agencies to get the equivalent amount of their deposits in the bank of Saipan through the Commonwealth Development Authority, which in turn would acquire collectible loan assets from the bank, would prejudice private depositors, the lawyer of the Calvo shareholders said. Robert O'Connor, counsel for Thomas, Paul and Edward Calvo, rebutted the statement of BoS receiver Randall Fennell's counsel, Richard W. Pierce, that the proposal is sound because it would put the bank in a stronger financial position to pay depositors, saying that small depositors would be at risk of not getting their money at all. "The proposal put together by the receiver would sell all the private depositors down the river," O'Connor said. "The government is working with the receiver to harm the private depositors."

### NMIRF is not alone in its investment losses

With the entire American retirement system itself losing \$630 billion in 2000 and 2001, the losses sustained by the Northern Marianas Islands Retirement Fund's investment portfolio merely reflect the general malaise that is plaguing the pension industry. This was stressed by Fund administrator Karl T. Reyes, in reaction to statements in the media that had questioned the Board of Trustees' capabilities in carrying out its fiduciary duties and responsibilities over these funds. He pointed out a Cerulli Associates Inc. financial report that came out in the newspaper Pensions & Investments, which said the retirement market throughout the United States lost \$630 billion, or 11 percent, in the two years ending December 31, 2001.

## Marriage Encounter Weekend on Oct. 19-21

The CNMI's next Marriage Encounter Weekend will be held from Oct. 19 to 21 at the newly renovated Kanoa Resort Saipan. Cost is \$100 per couple. Hurry, there are a few spots left!

For further information or a registration form, please contact any of the below listed individuals:

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The CNMI's Marriage Encounter Weekend website can be accessed thorough www.cnmime.blogspot.com or www.cnmime.org. (PR)



# NUTESE to participate in women's advocacy training

Working to end violence against women is not a small task but in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands where NUTESE has been selected by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women to participate in the national Advocacy Learning Center, the task just got a little easier.

The national Advocacy

Learning Center, offered by Praxis International and Manavi, in partnership with the Office on Violence Against Women, is an 18-month course created to strengthen how advocacy programs engage with survivors, and how to strategize and act to improve responses to violence against women. Team members travel

to three in-person events and participate in numerous distance learning activities.

NUTESE was selected as one of only 18 programs to join the course. Currently 54 programs and 142 advocates are participating in the Center.

The U.S. Bureau of Justice Statistics reports that every 90 seconds, somewhere in Ameri-

ca, someone is sexually assaulted, and that domestic violence is the leading cause of injury to women in the United States. Untold numbers of women suffer permanent injuries—brain damage, blindness, deafness, and disfigurement as well as severe emotional trauma—

NUTESE works to protect survivors of sexual and domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, prostitutions, and human trafficking.

Whether abuse is occurring next door, across town or down the street, it is only natural to want to help our family, our neighbors, and our friends when we think they are in trouble. As

individuals and as concerned members of our community we can find ways to help people in trouble and stop the violence in our community.

For more information about how you can help end violence against women contact NUTESE Helpline at (670) 287-9213 or NUTESE Office at (670) 287-9212. (PR)

## PASAI training builds auditors' professional supervisory skills

The supervisory skills of participating government auditors in the Pacific region have been enhanced through a just completed Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions (PASAI) training course run in Nadi, Fiji.

The two-week training course on supervisory roles in government auditing drew 21 participants from 15 Pacific island states. The course is one part of a four part training program intended to help provide a career path for government auditors in the Pacific region. The four training courses or tiers, as they are labeled, are

aimed at providing auditors at all levels with skill-based training in line with their responsibilities at work.

As PASAI executive director, Eroni Vatuloka, pointed out, "In particular the Tier 3 course focused on the role of the supervisor in the conduct of financial and performance audits of various government operations. This Tier 3 course is expected to equip government audit supervisors of the future to fill an essential role in the government auditing process."

To reinforce their instructional sessions, course participants

worked through a range of exercises and case studies.

In her closing address to course participants, Helen Leslie, First Secretary, New Zealand High Commission, Fiji, said, "This work provided some practical insight to how supervisors perform their duties through the various stages of an audit."

Participants also developed a future action plan of initiatives they will undertake on return to their workplaces as part of their personal individual professional development programs.

PASAI career path training is vital to developing a strong

talent pool of government auditors in the Pacific region, able to lift government auditing to ever higher standards. The success of the Tier 3 training course and others like it will be demonstrated through well managed quality government audits being undertaken in future years.

The Pacific Association of Supreme Audit Institutions is the official association of supreme audit institutions (government audit offices and similar organizations, known as SAIs) in the Pacific region. Further information on PASAI can be found at [www.pasai.org](http://www.pasai.org). (PASAI)

## Guam awarded \$419,745 in federal financial assistance

WASHINGTON, D.C.—The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services has awarded two grants totaling \$419,745 to the University of Guam and the Guam Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse, according to a statement issued Thursday by the office of Delegate Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU).

UOG was awarded a \$225,000 discretionary grant through the HHS Health Resources and Services Administration Division of Grants Management Operations to implement the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention program. These funds will be used to ensure children who are born with or develop hearing loss in infancy are identified early and provided with appropriate treatment and care.

The Guam DMHSA received \$194,745 as part of a cooperative agreement grant through the HHS Administration on Aging to expand and enhance Guam's Aging and Disability Resource Center program. This grant will be used to streamline the enrollment process, improve coordination with the State Health Insurance Program, implement person-centered discharge plan-

ning, and expand electronic community health records for seniors and people with disabilities.

"These grants will assist our island's healthcare professionals in improving the delivery of healthcare services to our community," said Bordallo.

"In particular, the Universal Newborn Hearing Screening and Intervention grant will be critical to helping detect hearing impairments in infants early in their development. Additionally, improvements to the Aging and Disability Resource Center program will help to address

the needs of seniors and those with disabilities. I commend the University of Guam and the Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse for working to secure these funds. I look forward to seeing these projects improve healthcare services on Guam." (PR)

## BACK TO MANILA



Above, Ceejay Samonte, second from left, has her picture taken with sister, Camille and parents Cleto and Di-dith at the Saipan International Airport as she returns to the Philippines after a wonderful three-month vacation on Saipan!

Right, it was a worthwhile experience for Ceejay Samonte, left, who bonded with her family on Saipan, tried new adventures, witnessed her sister's wedding, and met her brother-in-law, Jordan Bocago, back.



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## Retirees' association sets Friday meeting

The Commonwealth Retirees Association will hold a general membership meeting this Friday, Sept. 21, at Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center in Susupe at 6pm. All members are invited to attend the assembly, which include among the agenda the reports to the members and the election of officers. Also invited to the meeting is the new trustee *ad litem* for the NMI Retirement Fund. (PR)

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



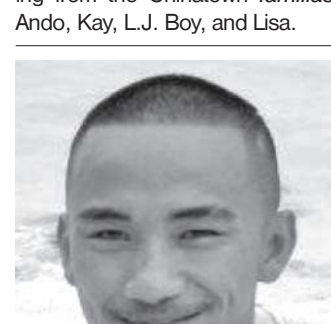
Happy birthday to Agatha Ketebengang! May your day be filled with special treats and hope you enjoy! God bless you with many more years to come! With lots of hugs and kisses, Lupe and Kailin.



Happy 23rd birthday to Raycell Tangcoy! God bless you always and may you have many more birthdays to come! Have fun, enjoy your special day, and may all your wishes come true. Much love coming from the Chinatown *familias*, Ando, Kay, L.J. Boy, and Lisa.



Belated happy birthday to Auntie Debra Limes Tenorio, who celebrated her birthday yesterday, Sept. 18. May the good Lord continue to bless you with many more birthdays to come! We love you too much! Greetings from KaiLani and Ankie Boi!



Happy birthday greetings go out to Juanito Naim Sambile Jr., who is celebrating his special day today, Sept. 19. Enjoy your special day and may you have many more birthdays to come. Greetings come from Mal, Ran, Cora, friends, and family.



Happy 1st birthday to our "Little Magas" Zaine Mario Schardt Palacios, who is celebrating his special day today. You bring so much joy to our lives and we love you so much! Shoutout coming from Daddy, Mommy, Zanthony, and the whole family.



Happy 16th birthday to Sierra Calvo! We love and miss you. Greetings come from Chad, Brittany, Clayton, and Gregory.



Happy 24th birthday to Sussie "SuzieQ" Rocha! God bless you always and may you have many more to come! We love you sister! Greetings come from your Chinatown and Laluso families.



Happy, happy birthday to Paul DLG. Reyes, who is celebrating his special day today. We wish you all the best on your special day and we ask the Lord to guide you for many, many more blessed and happy years to come. We love you! Greetings come from your boys, wife, families, and friends.



# Opinion

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### EDITORIAL

## It's perfectly legitimate to both condemn, and protect, the expression of despicable opinions

Mitt Romney was wrong (and, of course, politically motivated) when he insinuated that the U.S. government had offered an “apology for America’s values” by criticizing “Innocence of Muslims,” the now-infamous film that mocks the prophet Muhammad. While it is true that in a statement issued before protesters stormed the U.S. Embassy in Cairo, the embassy staff criticized “continuing efforts by misguided individuals to hurt the religious feelings of Muslims,” it didn’t apologize for the fact that the film and other hateful forms of speech are protected by the Constitution.

Romney was guilty of one error: equating condemnation of the content of the bigoted film with a repudiation of the principle that it should be protected under the First Amendment. But many in the Muslim world labor under a converse fallacy: that defending the right of the filmmaker to engage in such expression without fear of legal punishment amounts to approval of his message.

Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton effectively addressed both arguments in a speech Thursday to a gathering of U.S. and Moroccan representatives in Washington. It made for a dramatic contrast to Romney’s rant.

“I know it is hard for some people to understand why the United States cannot or does not just prevent these kinds of reprehensible videos from ever seeing the light of day,” Clinton said. “Now, I would note that in today’s world with today’s technologies, that is impossible. But even if it were possible, our country does have a long tradition of free expression, which is enshrined in our Constitution and our law, and we do not stop individual citizens from expressing their views no matter how distasteful they may be.”

In addition to stressing that the U.S. government couldn’t suppress “Innocence of Muslims” even if it wanted to, Clinton could have gone on to explain in detail why the U.S. protects free speech, including religiously bigoted and inflammatory speech, with appropriate citations to James Madison, John Stuart Mill and Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr.

But explaining why society should protect “the thought that we hate” (as Holmes put it) can be a complicated undertaking even when the audience consists of Americans. Think of the public outcry over the Supreme Court’s decisions upholding a constitutional right to burn the American flag as a political protest. Convincing Muslims that a film that defames their prophet should be immune to legal sanctions is an exponentially more daunting task.

Clinton acknowledged in her remarks that there were “different views around the world about the outer limits of free speech and free expression.” But they are not only differences between secular and religious societies or democracies and dictatorships. Thanks to the vigilance of both liberal and conservative Supreme Court justices, the United States is more protective of free speech than are other liberal democracies. For example, Britain has enacted laws against “stirring up hatred against persons on racial or religious grounds” that probably wouldn’t pass constitutional muster in this country.

Given those differences, Clinton understandably put the emphasis elsewhere: on “the simple proposition that violence in response to speech is not acceptable. We all—whether we are leaders in government, leaders in civil society or religious leaders—must draw the line at violence.”

Clinton may not have offered a complete tutorial on freedom of speech in the United States, but neither did she offer an apology for that “American value”—any more than the embassy in Cairo did. And, contrary to what Romney originally suggested, it is possible for the U.S. government simultaneously to affirm the importance of free speech and condemn in unmistakable terms an ugly manifestation of it.

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Romney aides claim that attacks on U.S. Embassies wouldn't have happened if Romney were in the Oval Office.



Then that would be a first!

Attacks on U.S. diplomatic facilities during presidency.

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## We want justice in the Middle East—but we’re tired of war

What do Americans want done with killers in Libya who murdered U.S. Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three others on Sept. 11, our national day of mourning?

We want their heads stuffed into a burlap bag. We want to see that bag tossed into some town square, landing with hollow thunks, the bag opening, its cargo rolling along the ground.

That’s revenge talking, and there’s nothing wrong with it. Americans were murdered. While our politicians make speeches about “resolve” and President Barack Obama insists the U.S. won’t retreat from the world, what we really want are those heads.

Dead are Stevens, a career foreign officer, U.S. State Department information officer Sean Smith and former Navy SEALs Tyrone Woods and Glen Doherty.

American financial aid to Libya will be threatened until the killers, and those who ordered their deaths, are tracked down. Surely they must know how it will end for them, in some dusty place, a prison, an alley.

Whether their deaths serve as a warning to others is another matter. How do you warn people who willingly strap bombs to their chests? So we should say simply that we want them because we want them, because Americans were killed and those who did it must pay their debts.

But after the heads roll, then what?

Do we roll out more soldiers and drop them into Libya? Obama supported the rebels against the late madman Moammar Gadhafi, and some faction among the rebels is no doubt responsible, but do we send our armies over there to build another nation?

No.

We’re tired of war. We’re still knee-deep in Afghanistan, and we’ll be paying for our adventure in Iraq for decades to come. Now our nation is broke, and though Obama didn’t start these wars, he spends and spends us into trillions of dollars more in debt. More money gets printed. The cost of goods rises. Americans feel an ever-tighter squeeze, and many don’t know why. There is no mood for more war.

Obama must know this. And if Republican Mitt Romney wants to be seen as the man itching to carry the big stick around the world, he will lose the American people. Still, some Republicans can’t help but speak about expressing American power.

“Americans can be proud of the role our country has played in helping to defeat Gadhafi,” Republican Sens. John McCain and Lindsey Graham said in a statement last week. “But we regret that this success was so long in coming due to the failure of the United States to employ the full weight of our air power.”

They said America “must lead the international community to provide the support that our Libyan friends need.”

No thank you, senators. We’ve had enough. American soldiers gave at the offices in Iraq and Afghanistan. There is no more. We’re all tapped out.

By JOHN KASS  
Chicago TribuneJohn Kass is a columnist for the Chicago Tribune. Readers may send him e-mail at [jkass@tribune.com](mailto:jkass@tribune.com).

That’s not to say that I believe the White House spin that the recent unrest in the Middle East was entirely due to that foolish anti-Muslim video about the Prophet Muhammad.

That video is a match, used by others to light the rage of the ignorant. The mobs were cover for the assassination of Stevens, and rebel factions continue to fight for power in Libya. Now, I don’t know all the facts of it. I haven’t been inside the intelligence briefings. But those who have been briefed — including McCain — have said so, and it sounds about right.

History tells us that mobs of shrieking, passionate fools have long been used by others to shield their work. So let’s find out who is behind it, and why. Once we know for sure, our specialized hunters will find them and, let’s hope, take them out. What we don’t need are commitments of thousands of troops sent far away for many years.

Secretary of State Hillary Clinton spoke of Tunisia, Egypt and Libya, countries that deposed their strong rulers. They “did not trade the tyranny of a dictator for the tyranny of the mob,” she said.

What did we expect? The dictators crushed their people under their boots, but they kept order and terrified the various factions. But once the dictators were gone, after the Arab Spring, came the time of the mob. We called the rebels “freedom fighters,” but now they are factions fighting for control. Either the newly liberated nations cobble together stable governments on their own, or they will dissolve in chaos, and new, even more terrible dictators will replace them.

But are they our responsibility? No.

“The United States of America will never retreat from the world,” Obama said at a ceremony honoring Stevens and the others who were killed. “We will bring to justice those who took them from us. We will stand fast against the violence on our diplomatic missions.”

Stand fast? Did his administration have no inkling that heavily armed factions—including those armed by his administration—posed a threat to Americans?

It is right that the president now promises to protect the American diplomatic missions, though that’s something he should have thought about long ago. And it is also right that he promises justice, which is a euphemism for revenge.

So let’s hope our hunters track them down.

But let’s also hope Democrats and Republicans realize that Americans are tired, and that the only nation we want rebuilt is our own.



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## Devastation takes fatal toll

**T**he NMI government is literally bankrupt. This was triggered by the federal takeover of immigration and minimum wage. It dealt the NMI total economic devastation. Revenue generation declined heavily which was exacerbated by a pile of ill-conceived policies on fees and taxes hurled heedlessly against private industries.

The slide into economic meltdown was quick and crisp. It didn't give leadership any breathing room to regroup and recalibrate policy matters to slam the brakes against total fiscal calamity. It's a dizzying journey!

The feds put on the mask of blind, deaf and mute watching from afar the fiscal colossus it has inflicted against the NMI. If its intent is to derail this governor, then Uncle Sam the egregious net effect of your decision has hit the villagers hardest. It is mind-numbing your total insensitivity and purposeful destruction of our fragile island economy. It confirms, time and again, the incompetency of our benefactors in Washington building sustainable island economies. Its paternalistic attitude never ceases to amaze me.

We're now at the bottom of a fiscal cliff hopelessly paddling to find our way out of the deep stormy blue. It's a long and fatally dangerous swim, disoriented. We're paddling while hoping financial rigor mortis doesn't set-in before we make it to the surface. It's a dizzying feat navigating among giant sharks while blinded by towering waves slamming mercilessly against towering fiscal cliffs.

The simple folks know what's happening quizzing whether there's any hope turning the course of history so the NMI moves out of its dark nights into the bright lights of dawn. Can we collectively place our future in the hands of leadership disoriented, trying to make heads or tails of the colossus conveyed to the NMI by the feds? I still have hope that it can be done with proactive and decisive leadership undertaking measures to mend where the feds and legislators left the NMI in total economic annihilation. This needs the complimentary participation of the NMI in the repeal of punitive policies hurled against foreign investors by the feds and NMI.

The pile of misperceived mess has culminated in the move by the minority in the lower chamber to seek for the impeachment of the governor. Hope pro-impeachment legislators deal with it with a sense of integrity and fairness. It requires judicious review.

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### Flight of the Phoenix

As politicians play "seesaw" on impeachment, most folks go their

## Step up, don't step back, from Middle East challenge

**A**fter last week's attacks in Libya that killed Ambassador Christopher Stevens and three other Americans, and the assaults on other U.S. embassies and small but angry protests throughout much of the Muslim world, some Americans could be tempted to disengage from the Middle East. That would be a tragic mistake.

Those who attacked American compounds in Libya, Egypt, Tunisia and elsewhere in the Middle East do not represent the great majority of people who are striving to improve their own lives — not cut short the lives of others. They are looking to America for help in building stability and peace in their countries.

Today, the United States has a chance to stand for its principles and stand with the majority in the emerging democracies of the Middle East. It is not time to pull back or lash out. It's time to double-down on the shirtsleeves diplomacy exemplified by Ambassador Stevens and countless other quiet American heroes who fight every day to encourage the democratic transitions taking place across the region.

Those of us with roots in the Middle East appreciate America's support and sacrifices. Like many of you, we are asking ourselves: Why would Stevens be attacked when it was America that helped save Benghazi from destruction at the hands of Muammar Gadhafi?

The answer is that the vacuum created by relatively weak central governments in places such as Libya makes it easier for extremist elements to attempt to exert their will. Only continued strong diplomatic and humanitarian engagement and support by the United States will thwart those forces, including in my own country, Syria, where another great American diplomat, Ambassador Robert Ford, risked his life supporting the popular uprising against the Bashar

Assad regime before he was recalled to the United States for his own safety.

Change is difficult and the process is woefully slow.

It takes awhile before we could see its impact. That the impact would be economic devastation why wasn't a slow paradigm or thorough study taken so everybody sees the likely outcome of major policy changes? Is it because the adversely affected is limited to the indigenous people? This insensitive paternalistic attitude did nothing but drain the trust our folks thought it had of the feds. This condition however would be around for more than a decade.

The NMI is so broke the hospital can't even buy special milk for a young kid in the ICU. This as the health corporation's management submits a budget request to the governor for hospital operations. The major decline in revenue is the net effect of a heedless and reckless imposition of federal policy that also compromised the strengthening of our democratic institutions.

A sense of powerful confidence is a must where the governor takes the flight of the phoenix to rally leadership in a collective effort to stem the consistent slide of the NMI into financial calamity. Time is of the essence. Any major stride into reinventing paradigms would reboot confidence and hope once more.

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### Must set direction now

As financial paralysis engulfs the archipelago, we brace ourselves on kitchen benches taking a mental inventory at the colossus torching every square inch of the NMI. The ashes of the fatal magma that moved into our presence would be around for quite sometime to come. Well, there's time honored local resiliency that allows the NMI to pull out of devastation. The depression (a state below recession) would be difficult but not insurmountable.

But it takes proactive leadership from the governor to move things in the right direction. Firstly, he needs to enlist the help of private industries, NMC, PSS and the legislature to move positive policies that would allow the NMI to regain its footing as an excellent venue for investment.

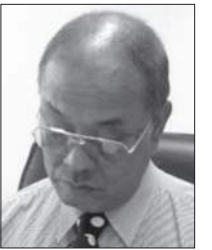
This needs to be done methodically each inch of the way. If need be, various investment trips may be undertaken to encourage our friends from Japan and nearby Asia to "come home." It's most im-

portant that a sense of purpose and direction is established so everybody knows the road map or blue print to rekindle investment once more.

By **JOHN DELROSARIO**

*Special to the Saipan Tribune*

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### Japan's ready, are we?

The NMI sits some 800 miles southwest of Japan, the world's third largest economy poised to invest abroad. Japan is looking for venues to invest and many of our friends who have returned home kept repeating the NMI archipelago as the most beautiful place where lasting partnership could be established, nurtured, and strengthened for the benefit of one and all.

This is more the reason that the governor must begin changes of institutional or systemic hurdles that must be improved or repealed to open the door once again.

These islands were home for many of our friends from the Land of the Rising Sun before the war. Many still return to visit what used to be home for mom, dad, grandma, and grandpa. It's a beautiful place in the sun that is geographically situated just three hours away. Definitely, they'd like to return once more to familiar sun, sand, sea, and soak in that wonderful Chamolinian hospitality. It can be done and we should regroup to set the foundation once more.

By **RADWAN ZIADEH**

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er future. They need skilled, committed diplomats like Ambassador Stevens to provide guidance. In the case of Syria, we need all the support your government can provide for the transition to democracy, including aid for local governments that are already operating in liberated areas. We need continued humanitarian assistance and help for our refugees. And, yes, we need more weapons for carefully vetted elements of the Free Syrian Army to better defend our people — the fact that not all elements of the armed opposition share America's values is all the more reason to empower those who do.

The groups currently vying for influence across the Middle East include many pro-democracy forces with widespread support, but they are competing with others who often do not share our goals. Part of our common fight is to isolate them and empower the vast majority who are committed to a democratic and peaceful future. This is important for the region; it is important for the United States, and it is important for the world.






As the service of Ambassadors Stevens and Ford remind us all, American can and must make a difference. Please don't step back from the challenge.



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# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
				
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers. Southeast winds 10 to 15 mph.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.	Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.
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### Micronesia

Guam and Rota	Thunderstorms	▲88 ▼79
Palau	Showers	▲84 ▼77
Yap	Showers	▲88 ▼77
Chuuk	Showers	▲86 ▼77
Pohnpei	Showers	▲88 ▼75
Kosrae	Showers	▲88 ▼75
Majuro	Showers	▲87 ▼80

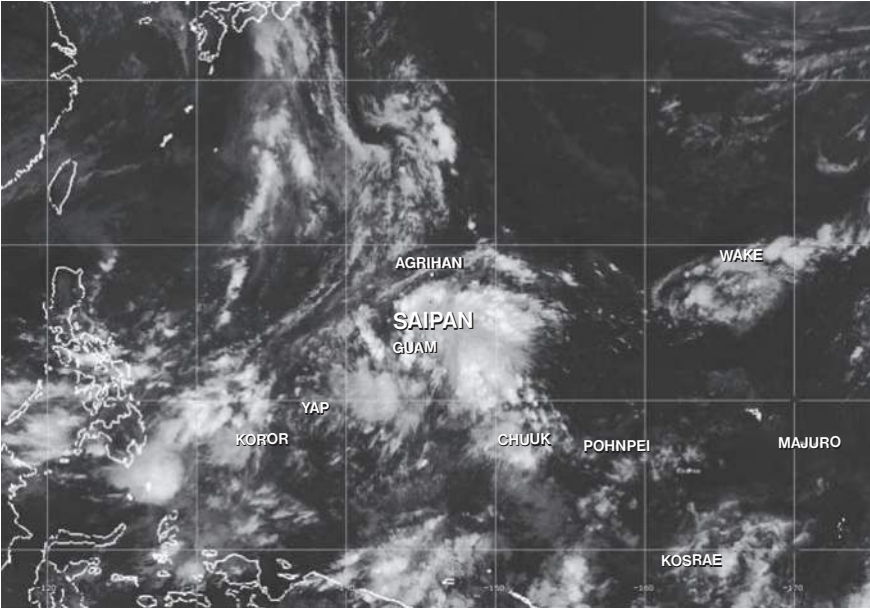
### Around The Globe

Auckland	Partly Cloudy	▲62 ▼50
Beijing	Mostly Sunny	▲83 ▼57
Hong Kong	Thundershowers	▲85 ▼80
Honolulu	Partly Cloudy	▲86 ▼73
London	Mostly Sunny	▲63 ▼49
Los Angeles	Partly Cloudy	▲85 ▼64
Manila	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼78
Melbourne	Showers	▲65 ▼46
Miami	Thundershowers	▲88 ▼76
New York	Thunderstorms	▲76 ▼61
Osaka	Thundershowers	▲86 ▼72
Paris	Mostly Sunny	▲66 ▼46
Pusan	Sunny	▲78 ▼63
Rome	Showers	▲76 ▼65
Salem	Sunny	▲91 ▼51
San Francisco	Partly Cloudy	▲61 ▼51
Seoul	Mostly Sunny	▲75 ▼62
Tokyo	Thunderstorms	▲85 ▼75
Washington, DC	Thunderstorms	▲80 ▼62

### Tides

Saipan Harbor			
4:39 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
10:59 AM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet
4:56 PM	Today	Low Tide:	0.7 Feet
10:26 PM	Today	High Tide:	2.0 Feet

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



### PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2012

Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A tropical disturbance is triggering scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms near Yap and Chuuk but over the Marianas in an area bounded by a line from 10N138E to 20N149E to 7N155E back to 10N138E. A weak circulation is centered south of Yap near 6N137E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring near Koror or west of a line from 13N134E to EQ137E. A surface trough stretches northeastward from 15N161E through a weak circulation centered just south of Wake Island at 18N167E to beyond 25N at 175E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are occurring within 90 miles of a line from 16N164E to 24N179E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:06 AM	6:16 PM
Thursday	6:06 AM	6:15 PM
Friday	6:06 AM	6:14 PM
Saturday	6:06 AM	6:13 PM
Sunday	6:06 AM	6:12 PM

### Moonrise/Moonset

Today	8:49 AM	8:39 PM
Thursday	9:51 AM	9:34 PM
Friday	10:52 AM	10:31 PM
Saturday	11:53 AM	11:31 PM
Sunday	12:50 PM	

Note: Blank spaces indicate that a rising or a setting did not occur during that 24-hour interval.

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DEPARTURES				ARRIVALS			
GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:10am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:45am	5:40am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN (SPN)-ROTA (ROP)				ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
UA5062	2:40am	3:15am	1, 3, 5	UA5062	3:40am	4:15am	1, 3, 5
SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)				GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN			
UA5070	4:35am	5:25am	2, 4, 6, 7	UA5062	2:40am	4:20am	1, 3, 5 via ROP
UA5062	4:50am	5:40am	1, 3, 5	UA 5069	2:45am	3:35am	2, 4, 6, 7
UA5068	8:40am	9:30am	Daily	UA5071	7:10am	8:00am	Daily
UA5074	11:30am	12:20pm	1, 4, 5, 7	UA5073	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
UA5076	3:10pm	4:00pm	Daily	UA5075	1:45pm	2:35pm	1, 4, 5, 7
UA5078	6:50pm	7:40pm	Daily	UA5077	5:25pm	6:15pm	Daily
UA5072	9:55pm	10:45pm	Daily	UA5079	8:35pm	9:25pm	Daily
SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)				NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN			
DL287	6:05am	8:45am	Daily	DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL285	6:30am	9:15am	1, 3, 5, 7	DL286	7:40pm	12:15am +1	2, 4, 6, 7
DL297	4:35pm	7:20pm	Daily	DL288	8:15pm	12:50am+1	Daily
SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)				SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN			
OZ606	2:20am	6:00am	1	OZ603	8:50am	2:20pm	Daily
OZ606	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7	OZ605	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ604	3:30pm	6:55pm	Daily	OZ605	8:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
SAIPAN (SPN)-PUSAN (BUS)				PUSAN (BUS)-SAIPAN (SPN)			
U2608	3:20am	6:35am	4, 7	OZ607	9:25pm	2:20am+1	3, 6
SAIPAN-GUANZHOU (CAN)				GUANZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN			
3U8646	4:20am	7:30am	2, 6	3U8645	7:40pm	3:00am+1	1, 5
SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)				SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN			
3U8648	6:10am	8:40am	1, 4, 5, 7	3U8647	10:40pm	5:00am+1	3, 4, 6, 7
SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)				MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/701	2:20am	11:05am	1 via ICN	DL172/288	7:50am	12:50am+1	Daily via NRT
OZ606/701	2:50am	11:05am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	UA190/5077	10:55am	6:15pm	3, 6 via GUM
UA5070/191	4:35am	9:55am	3, 6 via GUM	UA190/5079	10:55am	9:25pm	3, 6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:05am	10:00pm	Daily via NRT	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
UA5076/183	3:10pm	8:45pm	Daily via GUM	OZ702/605	12:15pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
UA5076/193	3:10pm	10:25pm	2, 5 via GUM-Palau	PR110/UA5071	10:10pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
OZ604/703	3:30pm	10:45pm	Daily via ICN	UA192/5071	9:45pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM-Palau
UA5072/PR111	9:55pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM	UA184/5071	10:55pm	8:00am+1	1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM
				UA184/5071	11:25pm	8:00am+1	2, 5 via GUM
				OZ704/603	11:45pm	2:20pm+1	Daily via ICN
SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)				HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN			
OZ606/721	2:20am	11:50pm	1 via ICN	OZ750/603	1:00am	2:20pm	Daily via ICN
OZ606/721	2:50am	11:50pm	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:10am+1	7
UA5076/147	3:10pm	9:40pm	1, 5 via GUM	OZ722/605	1:10pm	1:45am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
OZ604/749	3:30pm	11:00pm	Daily via ICN	UA180/5071	10:50pm	8:00am+1	1, 5 via GUM
LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana							
ETD: Estimated Time of Departure; ETA: Estimated Time of Arrival. The <i>Saipan Tribune</i> is not responsible for any changes in the schedule.)							

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency	Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily	FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>				FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily	FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
<b>Guam-Rota</b>				FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily	FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
<b>Rota-Saipan</b>							
FRE 100	17:50	18:20	Daily	<b>Tinian-Saipan</b>			
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily	FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 100	10:20	10:45	Daily	FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
<b>Saipan-Rota</b>				FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily	FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
<b>Rota-Guam</b>				FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily	FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
<b>Saipan-Tinian</b>				FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily	FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily	FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily	FRE 124	18:05	18:15	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily	FRE 126	18:50	19:00	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily				
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily				



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# Business

## Apple: iPhone 5 orders topped 2M in 24 hours

**CUPERTINO, Calif. (AP)**—Orders for the iPhone 5 topped 2 million in their first 24 hours, more than double the amount of its predecessor over the same period.

Apple started taking iPhone 5 orders at 3 a.m. EDT on Friday.

The company also says that while most orders will be delivered on Friday, demand for the iPhone 5 exceeds the initial supply, so some of the devices are scheduled for delivery in October.

The Cupertino, Calif. company's stock added \$7 to \$698.28 in morning trading after rising as high as \$699.54 earlier in the session.

The iPhone 5 has a bigger screen—4 inches (10.16 centimeters) measured diagonally—that allows room for another row of

icons and lets widescreen movies fit better. The calendar will now show five days at a time instead of just three. Previous iPhone models carried 3.5-inch (8.89-centimeter) screens. The phone is also thinner and weighs less than previous models.

Janney Capital Markets analyst Bill Choi said Apple's announcement Monday "suggests iPhone 5 is running well ahead of iPhone 4S." In a note to investors, Choi reaffirmed his earlier expectation that Apple will sell 7 million to 10 million iPhone 5s by the end of September.

The iPhone 5 sells for \$199 for the 16 gigabyte model, \$299 for the 32 GB or \$399 for the 64 GB model.

Apple says the iPhone 5 will be available at its 356 U.S.

stores starting Friday. Each customer that makes a purchase at a store will be offered free personal setup service, which will help them customize their device.

The phone will be available in more than 22 countries on Sept. 28.

Aside from Apple stores, the iPhone 5 will be available at Apple's website as well as through AT&T, Sprint, Verizon Wireless, some Best Buy, RadioShack, Target and Walmart stores and certain Apple authorized resellers.

Earlier Monday AT&T Inc. said it set a sales record for the iPhone 5, with customers ordering more of them than any previous iPhone model on the first day of orders and over the weekend.

## China files trade case against Washington

**BEIJING (AP)**—China filed a World Trade Organization case Monday challenging U.S. anti-dumping measures on billions of dollars of kitchen appliances, paper and other goods, adding to worsening trade strains as global demand weakens.

Beijing's move came after American officials said the Obama administration plans to file its own WTO case this week accusing China of improperly subsidizing exports of automobiles and auto parts.

China and the U.S. have clashed over complaints about market barriers and subsidies for goods including autos, solar panels, tires, steel and chicken. Political pressures on both sides are worsening as demand for their goods cools, raising the threat of job losses in export industries.

As campaigning for the U.S. presidency intensifies ahead of a November vote, President Barack Obama and Republican nominee Mitt Romney have traded barbs on China, accusing each other of backing policies that would move American jobs overseas.

The Chinese Ministry of Commerce said its latest WTO complaint centers on the U.S. Congress's passage of a law this year that retroactively gave the Commerce Department power to impose anti-dumping duties on

Chinese goods. That came after a U.S. court reversed earlier duties imposed under rules covering countries such as China and Vietnam that are deemed to be "non-market economies."

"This practice puts Chinese enterprises in an uncertain legal environment, in violation of the relevant rules of the WTO transparency and due process," said ministry spokesman Shen Danyang in a statement.

The ministry said U.S. measures being challenged cover 24 types of products worth \$7.2 billion. It gave no details, but a statement from the WTO in Geneva said they include paper, steel, tires, magnets, chemicals, kitchen appliances, wood flooring and wind towers.

The Chinese filing Monday requests consultations to settle the dispute, the first stage in a WTO complaint. If no resolution is found after 60 days, Beijing can ask for the case to be handed over to a WTO panel for judgment. Depending on the outcome, China might be allowed to request sanctions.

The two governments, along with other members of the Group of 20 major rich and emerging economies, have pledged to avoid taking steps that might hamper trade and global growth. Despite that, they have traded accusations

they are improperly subsidizing a range of industries or shielding them from foreign competition in violation of WTO commitments.

In July, Washington filed a WTO case challenging anti-subsidy tariffs imposed by Beijing on imports of American automobiles. Chinese authorities imposed the charges after concluding the financial rescue of General Motors Co. and Chrysler LLC violated rules against subsidies.

Among other complaints, the United States, the European Union and Japan are challenging China's controls on exports of rare earths needed by manufacturers of mobile phones and other high-tech products. Washington also is investigating complaints that Beijing is improperly subsidizing its producers of solar panels, wiping out American jobs.

The latest clashes come as global economic growth appears to be turning down due to Europe's debt crisis and a sluggish U.S. recovery despite repeated stimulus measures.

The Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development said last week its latest economic indicators "point to a continued loss of momentum in most major economies" including the United States, the euro zone, Canada and Britain.

rates into 2015 gives investors the incentive to put their money into riskier assets like stocks and commodities. The expectation that the Fed's moves will help the economy should also boost oil prices because demand for energy should pick up. (AP)

### Lowe's withdraws buyout bid for Canada's Rona

**MOORESVILLE, N.C. (AP)**—Home-improvement company Lowe's is withdrawing its buyout bid for Rona Inc.,

saying that the Canadian home-improvement company's board does not seem to want to engage in talks. Lowe's Cos. says it has repeatedly attempted to engage Rona's board so that it could conduct confirmatory due diligence and move forward with a friendly, negotiated deal. In July, Lowe's offered 14.50 Canadian dollars (\$14.92) per share for Rona, but the company rejected the offer. Based on Rona's 127.4 million outstanding shares, the value of the proposal is 1.85 billion Canadian dollars (\$1.9 billion).

# Nation

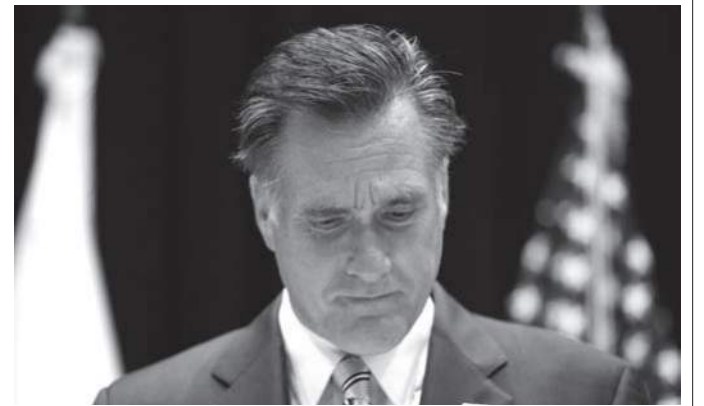
## Romney: Nearly half think 'they are victims'

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Republican Mitt Romney, already scrambling to steady a struggling campaign, confronted a new headache after a video surfaced showing him telling wealthy donors that almost half of all Americans "believe they are victims" entitled to extensive government support. He added that as a candidate for the White House, "my job is not to worry about those people."

At a hastily called news conference late Monday, Romney conceded the comments weren't "elegantly stated" and that they were spoken "off the cuff."

President Barack Obama's campaign quickly seized on the video, obtained by the magazine Mother Jones and made public on a day that Romney's campaign conceded it needed a change in campaign strategy to gain momentum in the presidential race.

Romney allies were already trying to curb growing complaints that the campaign missed opportunities at the Republican convention, on foreign unrest and, most crucially, on the U.S. economy,



Republican presidential candidate and former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks to reporters about the secretly taped video from one of his campaign fundraising events in Costa Mesa, Calif., Monday, Sept. 17, 2012. AP

which is seen as Obama's weakest point.

"There are 47 percent of the people who will vote for the president no matter what," Romney is shown saying in a video posted online by the magazine. "There are 47 percent who are with him, who are dependent upon government, who believe that they are victims, who believe that government has a responsibility to care for them, who believe that they are entitled to health care, to food, to housing, to you name it."

"Forty-seven percent of Americans pay no income tax," Romney said.

Romney said his role "is not to worry about those people. I'll never convince them they should take personal responsibility and care for their lives."

In his remarks to reporters, Romney did not dispute the authenticity of the hidden-camera footage, but he called for the release of the full video, instead of the clips posted online. He sought to clarify his remarks but did not apologize.

## Chicago mayor: Court must end teachers' strike

**CHICAGO (AP)**—Chicago's mayor turned to the courts Monday to try to end a teachers' strike in the nation's third-largest school district that entered its second week.

The union immediately condemned the move as an act of vindictiveness by a "bullying" mayor.

The strike has been uncomfortable for the Obama administration with the presidential election approaching, as Mayor Rahm Emanuel is a former chief of staff to President Barack Obama and Democratic presidential candidates like Obama traditionally get union support.

The strike is the first for the city's teachers in 25 years and has kept 350,000 students out

of class.

A spokeswoman for the mayor, Sarah Hamilton, said city attorneys asked a state circuit court to force Chicago Teachers Union members off the picket line and back into classrooms.

The union and school leaders had seemed headed toward a resolution at the end of last week, but teachers decided Sunday to remain on strike, saying they needed more time to review a complicated proposal.

Central to the debate are two issues that have national concern: teacher evaluations and job security.

Emanuel said the strike was illegal because it endangers the health and safety of students

and concerns issues—evaluations and layoffs—that state law says cannot be grounds for a work stoppage.

The 700-page court filing says more than 80 percent of 350,000 public students rely on school meals for their basic nutrition; it says 50,000 others, including autistic students, depend on special instruction. And out of school, children more prone to fall victim to violence, it says.

The union blasted the city's decision to resort to legal action.

"This attempt to thwart our democratic process is consistent with Mayor Emanuel's bullying behavior toward public school educators," the CTU said in a statement.

### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Man pleads not guilty in homeowner meeting attack

**LOUISVILLE, Kentucky (AP)**—The man accused of shooting two of his neighbors at a homeowners' association meeting has pleaded not guilty to two murder charges and seven counts of wanton endangerment. Mahmoud Yousef Hindi is being held without bond. The 55-year-old says he has no money and needs a public defender. Authorities say Hindi had longstanding disputes with neighbors and the homeowners' association over a fence and driveway he put in his front yard in an eastern Louisville suburb.

#### Space shuttle Endeavour stuck at home in Florida

**CAPE CANAVERAL, Florida (AP)**—Space shuttle Endeavour apparently doesn't want to leave home. NASA's youngest shuttle was supposed to depart Florida's Kennedy Space Center on Monday for its permanent museum home in Los Angeles. But stormy weather along the Gulf of Mexico nixed the travel plans until Wednesday morning. The shuttle will be bolted to the top of a modified jumbo jet when it leaves Florida.

#### US state man gets 6 months for beating dog

**TACOMA, Washington (AP)**—A Washington state man who beat a neighbor's dog with a hatchet after luring it with treats has been sentenced to six months in jail. The Pierce County prosecutor's office says 55-year-old Ricky Knowles was sentenced Monday after pleading guilty in July to first-degree animal cruelty. Prosecutors say Orting police were called after neighbors saw the Pierce County man beat the dog in March. They say police found the dog—Kona—in Knowles' garage tied to a pole, bleeding from severe wounds to his head and neck. They say animal control officers had to cut a piece of wire from around the dog's neck.

### BUSINESS BRIEFS

#### Oil rises to \$99, still buoyed by Fed

Oil rose for a second day on the back of the Federal Reserve's aggressive plan to boost the U.S. economy. More gains are expected, but that might not translate into a spike in prices at the gas station. After earlier topping \$100 for the first time since May, benchmark oil finished up 69 cents to \$99 per barrel in New York. Oil ended the week with a gain of 2.7 percent. Analysts say the Fed's plan to keep interest rates at extraordinarily low



# Asia

## Panetta concerned Asia disputes could expand

**TOKYO (AP)**—U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta said Sunday he is concerned the territorial disputes in the Asia-Pacific region could spark provocations and result in violence that could involve other nations, such as the United States.

Speaking to reporters on his plane en route to a weeklong trip in the region, Panetta said he will urge countries here to find a way to peacefully resolve their problems. He arrived Sunday in Tokyo, the first stop of his trip.

“I am concerned that when these countries engage in provocations of one kind or another over these various islands that it raises the possibility that a misjudgment on one side or the other could result in violence and could result in conflict and that conflict would then, you know, have the potential of expanding,” Panetta said.

The defense chief said his conversations with the Japanese and Chinese would echo what U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton told them ear-

lier this month—that they must find a process for settling the disputes. The U.S., he said, does not take a position with regard to the disputed lands.

He said he will strongly urge the Chinese to participate in the process so they can take part in a forum to resolve the issues.

Violent protests against Japan erupted across China this weekend over uninhabited islands. Although Japan has controlled the islands—called Diaoyu in Chinese and Senkaku in Japanese—for decades, the Chinese were angry that the Japanese government purchased the East China Sea islands from their private owners.

China saw the purchase as an affront to its claim and as further proof of Tokyo’s refusal to negotiate over them.

There also have been recent flare-ups over territorial battles between China and many of its other neighbors, as well as between Japan and South Korea.

Japan and South Korea are at odds over an islet claimed

by both, and China stoked anger over its increasingly assertive stance regarding its claims over resource-rich waters to the south and east.

“We’re going to face more of this,” Panetta said. “The countries are searching for resources, there (are) going to be questions raised as to who has jurisdiction over these areas.”

This will be Panetta’s third trip to Asia in 11 months, reflecting the Pentagon’s ongoing shift to put more military focus on the Pacific region. The trip will also include a stop in New Zealand.

Panetta’s visit to Japan is also likely to include discussions about the deployment of V-22 Ospreys there. Thousands of people have protested the hybrid aircraft’s planned use, saying they are unsafe.

The Pentagon plans to deploy 12 of the aircraft, which take off and land like a helicopter but fly like a plane. U.S. officials have assured Japanese leaders the Ospreys are safe.

## China reins in rowdy anti-Japan demonstrations

**BEIJING (AP)**—China moved to tamp down rising anti-Japan sentiment after a weekend of sometimes violent demonstrations, threatening Monday to arrest lawbreakers and scrubbing websites of protest-related images and posts.

Tensions have been growing for months in the dispute over ownership of a string of uninhabited islands in the East China Sea called the Senkakus in Japan and Diaoyu in China. Those came to a head last week when the Japanese government said it was purchasing some of the islands from their private owner to thwart a Japanese politician’s plans to buy and develop them.

China reacted angrily, sending marine patrol ships inside Japanese-claimed waters around the islands, which Tokyo has administered since 1972. Some state media urged Chinese to show their patriotism by boycotting Japanese goods and canceling travel to Japan.

Protests flared in cities across China over the weekend, with occasional outbreaks of violence, including the torching and looting of Japanese-invested factories and shops. They were the largest anti-Japanese demonstrations since 2005, reflecting ever-present anger toward Tokyo that periodically bursts to the surface.

In Tokyo, visiting U.S. Defense Secretary Leon Panetta urged both sides to resolve the dispute diplomatically, and said Washington, as a matter of policy, does not take sides in sovereignty matters.

“We are concerned by the demonstrations, and we are concerned by the conflict,” Panetta said after talks with his Japanese counterpart, Satoshi Morimoto. “It is in everybody’s interest—Japan and China—to maintain good relations and to find a way to avoid further escalation.”

China’s authoritarian government rarely allows protests and the wave of anti-Japanese

demonstrations had clearly met privately with official approval. Authorities, however, are walking a tightrope between allowing citizens to vent and losing control of the protests, which could then turn against the government.

By Monday, authorities were clamping down.

In the western city of Xi’an, police issued an order banning large-scale protests in commercial areas, districts with large populations, and anywhere near government offices. The statement also warned that the use of mobile texting or online messaging to organize illegal demonstrations was forbidden.

In the southern city of Guangzhou, police said they arrested seven people for attacking cars and three for vandalizing shops.

“The Guangzhou police would like to remind the public to be rational while being patriotic. Demonstrations must proceed according to law,” police said in a statement.

ment official. The vehicle was not carrying any tribal elders, anti-Taliban militia commanders or others from the area frequently targeted by militants, he said.

### Philippine government, rebels drafting peace pact

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Philippine government and Muslim guerrilla negotiators are drafting a preliminary peace agreement that can be signed this year, but the insurgents say they won’t disarm until a final pact is concluded in a few years. Government negotiator

Marvic Leonen says the initial “framework agreement” with the 11,000-strong Moro Islamic Liberation Front will be made public before it’s signed. The accord will contain general agreements on key issues, including the extent of power, revenues and territory to be granted to a Muslim-administered region. Rebel negotiator Mohagher Iqbal said Tuesday that a transition commission would be established after the signing to work out the details of the initial pact and a final accord may follow as early as three years later. The rebellion has dragged on for decades.

# World

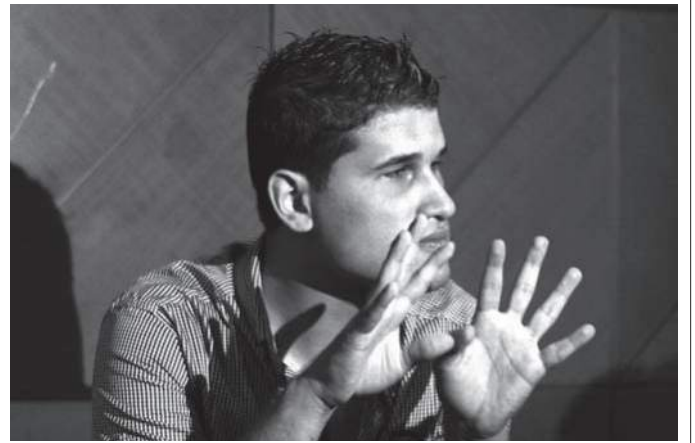
## Libyan attacks said to be 2-part militant assault

**BENGHAZI, Libya (AP)**—The attack that killed four Americans in Libya, including the U.S. ambassador, was an organized two-part operation by heavily armed militants that included a precisely timed raid on a supposedly secret safe house just as Libyan and U.S. security forces were arriving to rescue evacuated consulate staff, a senior Libyan security official said on Thursday.

Wanis el-Sharef, eastern Libya’s deputy interior minister, said the attacks Tuesday night were suspected to have been timed to mark the 9/11 anniversary and that the militants used civilians protesting an anti-Islam film as cover for their action. Infiltrators within the security forces may have tipped off militants to the safe house location, he said.

He said an unspecified number of militants suspected of taking part in the attack have been arrested and that others were being closely monitored by police to see whether they are linked to a group. He refused to elaborate.

Ambassador Chris Stevens and another American were killed in the consulate during



**AP**  
Fahd al-Bakoush, a freelance videographer, 22, discusses a video he shot that shows civilians removing the body of U.S. Ambassador Chris Stevens from a small dark room in the U.S. consulate in Benghazi in the aftermath of the Tuesday Sept. 11, 2012, attack, during an interview with the Associated Press, in Benghazi, Libya, Monday, Sept. 17, 2012.

the initial violence, as plainclothes Libyan security were evacuating the consulate’s staff to the safe house about a mile away, el-Sharef said. The second assault took place several hours later and targeted the safe house—a villa inside the grounds of the city’s equestrian club—killing two Americans and wounding a number of Libyans and Americans.

El-Sharef, who was running the Interior Ministry’s operations room commanding secu-

rity forces in the city, gave The Associated Press an account of the night’s chaotic events.

The crowd built at the consulate—a one-story villa surrounded by a large garden in an upscale Benghazi neighborhood—in several stages, he said. First, a small group of gunmen arrived, then a crowd of civilians angry over the film. Later, heavily armed men with armored vehicles, some with rocket-propelled grenades, joined, swelling the numbers to more than 200.

## Iran nuke chief harshly criticizes atomic agency

**VIENNA (AP)**—Iran’s nuclear chief said Monday that “terrorists and saboteurs” might have infiltrated the International Atomic Energy Agency in an effort to derail his nation’s atomic program. It was Tehran’s harshest attack on the integrity of the U.N. organization and its investigation of allegations that Iran is striving to make nuclear arms.

Fereydoon Abbasi also rebuked the United States in comments to the IAEA’s 155-nation general conference, reflecting Iran’s determination to continue defying international pressure aimed at curbing its nuclear program and nudging it toward cooperation with the IAEA inspection.

Revealing what he said were two sabotage attempts on his country’s nuclear program, he

challenged the perpetrators to launch new attacks, saying his country is determined to learn how to protect its interests through such assaults.

The defiant speech was bound to give a greater voice to hardline Israeli leaders who say that both diplomatic efforts and economic penalties have had no effect on Iran, leaving military strikes as the only alternative to stopping it from developing nuclear weapons.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, a proponent of such an option, made a direct appeal to American voters on Sunday to elect a president willing to draw a “red line” with Iran.

In the past week, Netanyahu has urged President Barack Obama and other world leaders to state clearly at what point

Iran would face a military attack. But Obama and his top aides, who repeatedly say all options remain on the table, have pointed to shared U.S.-Israeli intelligence that suggests Iran hasn’t decided yet whether to build a bomb, despite pursuing the technology, and that there would be time for action beyond toughened sanctions already in place.

In Berlin, German Chancellor Angela Merkel described Iran as “a threat, not only for Israel but for the whole world.” But she said she wants to see a “political solution” and that the international community should work together to try and find one, including the possibility of new sanctions. “The room for political maneuver is not yet exhausted,” she told reporters on Monday.

### ASIAN BRIEFS

#### Police: Roadside bomb kills 15 in NW Pakistan

**TIMERGARAH, Pakistan (AP)**—A roadside bomb ripped through a minibus in northwestern Pakistan near the Afghan border Sunday, killing 15 passengers and wounded 12 others, police said. The bomb was buried in a dirt road in Lower Dir district and apparently detonated by remote control as the minibus passed by, said Ejaz Abid, the local police chief. There was little left of the vehicle after the explosion, just a mass of crumpled metal. Two children were among the dead, said Mahmood Aslam, a local govern-

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### UN rights chief cites possible war crimes in Mali

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)**—The U.N. human rights commissioner says Islamists in northern Mali have committed serious human rights violations and possibly war crimes, including amputations, summary executions and the stoning to death of an unmarried couple. Navi Pillay on Monday strongly condemned the “attacks on the civilian population, sexual violence, recruitment of child soldiers and forced displacement, as well as the destruction of Mali’s world

heritage sites.” A spokesman for one of the radical Islamist groups controlling northern Mali told The AP on Sunday that their fighters cut off a thief’s hand in Timbuktu.

#### Russia boasts of huge diamond field

**MOSCOW (AP)**—Russian scientists are claiming that a gigantic deposit of industrial diamonds found in a huge Siberian meteorite crater during Soviet times could revolutionize industry. The Siberian branch of Russian Academy of Sciences said that the Popi-

gai crater in eastern Siberia contains “many trillions of carats” of so-called “impact diamonds”—good for technological purposes, not for jewelry, and far exceeding the currently known global deposits of conventional diamonds. Nikolai Pokhilenko, the head of the Geological and Mineralogical Institute in Novosibirsk, told RIA Novosti news agency Monday that the diamonds include other molecular forms of carbon. He said they could be twice as hard as conventional diamonds and therefore have superlative industrial qualities.



# Focus

## Multiple personalities of the Muslim rage

By BRIAN MURPHY  
ASSOCIATED PRESS

**DUBAI, United Arab Emirates (AP)**—At the height of the latest Islamic rage, one of the Muslim world's first media-celebrity imams told worshippers they were indeed witnessing a clash of civilizations. But just not the kind you think.

This one also is within Islam, and it helps explain the multiple personalities of the fury.

It's political: The uncompromising ethos of extremism clawing for any gains against more moderate voices. It's social: Fed by an explosive blend of economic stagnation, anger over U.S.-led wars and—in some places—frustrations as the soaring hopes of the Arab Spring hit the grinding realities of rebuilding.

And it cuts deeply into questions that have added resonance in a hyper-connected world that moves at the quicksilver pace of the web: How to coexist with the free-speech openness of the West and whether violence is ever a valid response.

"Our manner of protesting should reflect sense and reason," urged Egyptian-born cleric Youssef al-Qaradawi in his Friday sermon in Qatar's capital Doha, where he has found a worldwide audience through the web and a show on the pan-Arab network Al-Jazeera.

Yet such appeals—while frequent from many Islamic leaders and scholars in the past week—have competed against opposing calls that can tap deeper passions. Political factions and hardline clerics across the Muslim world have been quick to try to capitalize as after other perceived offenses against the faith.

"There's no doubt that every Muslim feels in some ways deeply troubled by any insults to the Prophet Muhammad, but how many have seen the video of this movie to make up their own minds? Very few," said Sami al-Faraj, director of the Kuwait Center for Strategic Studies. "You need someone to organize the protests and, in effect, throw the switch."

It's come in many forms.

Ultraconservative Islamists have apparently taken the lead in protests in Arab Spring countries such as Tunisia and Egypt attempts in a show of force against the new leadership and their Western allies. In a curious battle of perceptions, Egypt's Muslim Brotherhood-led government called out riot troops to protect the U.S. Embassy against protesters also claiming to "defend" Islam.

In Libya, U.S. investigators are examining whether armed militants used the uproar over the film as cover to launch pre-planned attack on the U.S. Consulate in Benghazi, killing the ambassador and three other Americans. The U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, Susan Rice, said Sunday the attack was not coordinated and premeditated, but others have challenged that view.

Crowds in Yemen condemned the film—but also chanted against the continued U.S. military presence such as drone strikes that have targeted suspected al-Qaida leaders.



Tunisian activists stage a protest outside the El Fateh mosque in Tunis, surrounded by police, in support of a hardline Muslim, known as Abu Yadh, Monday, Sept. 17, 2012. AP

"Obviously there's a latent anti-Americanism that is coming out," Salman Shaikh, director of The Brookings Doha Center in Qatar. "But that is only part of this," he said. "This is primarily about a struggle for the soul of these states."

Elsewhere—from Nigeria to Australia—hardline clerics and parties have mobilized demonstrations in both expressions of anger and messages to rivals. In Iran, protesters were given pre-made placards denouncing the U.S. in a clear sign of a state-organized demonstration.

On Sunday, Iranian newspapers reporting that a religious foundation has increased the reward for killing British author Salman Rushdie to \$3.3 million from \$2.8 million in response to alleged insults to the Prophet Muhammad in his novel "The Satanic Verses." Iran's late Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini issued a death fatwa against Rushdie in 1989, but Iran officials later distanced themselves from the edict.

Bahrain protest groups, meanwhile, have used Twitter to organize demonstrations the including burning American flags in the nation that hosts the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet. Pakistan's conservative Islamist parties sent out text messages, mosque announcements and made phone calls to bring out protest crowds, including about 1,000 people in the northwestern city of Peshawar on Sunday.

"What kind of freedom of expression is that which hurts the religious sentiments of others?" said Haider Gul, a grocery store owner who joined the anti-American rally.

This question is not new - tumbling back over centuries and different faiths. It flared anew in 2005 with a Danish cartoon of the Prophet Muhammad that was deemed offensive by many Muslims, and was a centerpiece of the de-

### Protests continue

*Fresh protests continue to take place around the Muslim world over an anti-Islam film produced in the U.S.*

■ Countries where incidents have been reported



**Sept. 11** U.S. embassy in Cairo, Egypt, attacked; attack at U.S. consulate in Benghazi, Libya, kills U.S. ambassador and three other Americans

**Sept. 12** Protests begin in several Arab countries

**Sept. 13** Protesters break into U.S. embassy compound in Sana, Yemen

**Sept. 14** Protests spread; at least seven killed in demonstrations around world

**Sept. 15** Taliban militants attack NATO's Camp Bastion in Afghanistan; two U.S. marines killed

**Sept. 16** At least one killed in clashes between police and protesters in Pakistan; protests begin in some European capitals; Hezbollah leader calls for week of protests in Lebanon

**Sept. 17** Protests continue in Afghanistan; Kabul's police chief injured by protesters

Source: BBC  
Graphic: Melina Yingling © 2012 MCT

bates after the 2004 slaying of Dutch filmmaker Theo van Gogh, whose film "Submission" criticized the treatment of Muslim women.

But the current video, "Innocence of Muslims," brings a new element: What if the sole intent was to provoke backlash and violence? It's unlikely to bring any clear-cut answers in the short term. America's free speech protections give a wide berth for the filmmaker, Nakoula Basseley Nakoula, a self-described Coptic Christian whose movie denigrated the Prophet Muhammad.

There are cases, however, where boundaries have been set. Last year, two Florida pastors were blocked from demonstrating outside a mosque in Dearborn, Michigan, after a jury ruled it would have breached the peace. One of the pastors, Terry Jones, touched off a series of violent protests in Afghanistan that killed more than a dozen people after he burned a Quran in March 2011.

If anything, the cultural gaps may have been pried farther apart by the scope of the latest violence and bloodshed.

Google has refused a White House request to take down the video clip from its YouTube site. But it is restricting access in certain countries including Egypt, Libya and Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim nation. A YouTube statement said the video was within its content guidelines. "This can be a challenge because what's OK in one country can be offensive elsewhere," it said.

At the same time, it's also opened fault lines within the Muslim world over what's an acceptable response. In many ways, it's simply an extension of the same internal struggles over Islam's moral compass that has gripped the faith for decades.

An Indonesian Muslim scholar, Komaruddin Hidayat, said Muslims have the duty to oppose to anything they

deem offensive to their faith, but must "avoid using violence in expressing their objections." At the other end of the Muslim world in Nigeria, a top Islamic leader, Sheik Sani Yahaya Jingir, said violence never brings "any benefit to Islam."

For Jumaa al-Qurishi, a 38-year-old Iraq librarian: "This is not freedom. This is an act of aggression."

"Yes, we understand the First Amendment and all of this stuff," wrote Khalid Amayreh, a prominent Islamist commentator and blogger in Hebron on the West Bank. "But you must also understand that the Prophet (for us) is a million times more sacred than the American Constitution."

He adds: "As Americans have their own idiots and fanatics, we, too, have our idiots and fanatics. And as Americans are utterly unable—probably unwilling as well—to stop their idiots, we, too, are less able to rein in ours."

There's no wonder why the loudest voices still tend to rule the day, said Issandr El Amrani, a Moroccan-American journalist and visiting fellow at the European Center for Foreign Relations, a pan-European think tank.

"The resulting cascade of outrage is now predictable," he wrote in Abu Dhabi's The National newspaper. "Islamophobes in the West will say, 'We told you they're fanatics,' and the crowd-riling demagogues here will say, 'We told you they disrespect us.' And politicians everywhere will use the language of outrage in their petty calculations."

In Gaza, 23-year-old Rawhi Alwan described a cycle of mutual blame: "Some crazy Muslims will commit devilish acts to respond to the devilish sin."

Before he left for a peaceful Friday demonstration against the film, he changed his Facebook profile picture. It became an image pledging loyalty to Prophet Muhammad.



# Campus Life

## Analysis: College costs shift to families

**YPSILANTI, Mich. (AP)**—It was a transformation that was, by historical standards, remarkably swift: The decade of the 2000s saw a fundamental shift in how Americans answer the question “Who will pay for college?”

The bill at public universities is higher than ever, and students and their families are footing a greater share of it.

Realizing higher education would be essential to succeed in the emerging economy, Americans aspired and flocked to higher education as never before over the last 10 years. But over that same span, the 50 states did less—much less, factoring in the increased demand—and asked students and parents to do more. That was true even during the flush years in the middle of a decade bookended by two economic downturns.

The federal government, meanwhile, picked up much of the slack, with each of the last three presidents substantially increasing spending. But while the billions Washington poured into student financial aid helped many students, they did little to stem price increases. Low-income students got some relief in expanded Pell Grants, and a massive increase in tuition tax credits has disproportionately benefited families earning over \$100,000. Middle-class families have borne the brunt.

Frustrations over high student debt have been front and center for the Occupy Wall Street protesters. Politicians have noticed, too: On Wednesday, in Denver, President Obama announced a series of steps that would do little to relieve students of the burden of paying for college, but aim to at least protect more borrowers from monthly repayment burdens that would ruin their finances or keep them from choosing public service jobs.

That may be the best the federal government can do in an era when almost everyone wants to go to college, Washington’s budgetary well has run dry, and the states either cannot or will not play the same role in supporting public higher education that they have in the past.

“There’s been a fundamental and permanent shift in how we see the financing of higher education in the United States,” said Terry Hartle, senior vice president at the American Council on Higher Education. “Increasingly, higher education is seen as being almost exclusively a private good and therefore something that individuals ought to pay for by themselves.”

Some lament the change, arguing society benefits when more students graduate and suffers when they don’t. States traditionally have supported higher education, they say, and if it’s more important than ever, why cut back now?

Others welcome the shift, arguing individuals who most directly benefit should pick up more of the costs. And colleges, they argue, could do more to hold down costs themselves.

On Wednesday, the College Board released the latest figures on the cost of college, and they were demoralizing enough: Four-year public colleges in-



In this Oct. 6, 2011 photo, Gan Golan, of Los Angeles, dressed as the “Master of Degrees,” holds a ball and chain representing his college loan debt, during Occupy DC activities in Washington.

creased tuition 8.3 percent, and the cost of a full credit load has passed \$8,000. That doesn’t count room and board, and hundreds more for textbooks. The trend is more apparent when you look at data from the College Board and other groups for the whole decade:

—In 2000, fewer than one-third of Americans said college was essential to be successful. Now the figure is well over half, and with jobs scarce, enrollment is surging. Enrollment grew 9 percent during the 1990s; during the 2000s it rose 33 percent, to roughly 21 million.

—State support, however, didn’t keep up. Funding per student rose 6 percent in the 1980s and 5 percent in the 1990s. Then, between 2000 and 2010, state support fell 23 percent after accounting for inflation.

The effects are clearly visible in the prices that public colleges, which enroll 80 percent of students, charged. In the 1980s tuition rose 4.5 percent annually above general inflation. In the 1990s it rose 3.2 percent. In the 2000s: 5.6 percent.

The pain of the recent increases was magnified by the economy. During those earlier decades, median family income was rising. During the 2000s, the family incomes of Americans declined across the board.

—In 2000, the states on average kicked in more than \$8,000 per student in higher education on average, and asked about \$3,350 from each student (that’s in constant 2011 dollars adjusting for inflation). At that time, just three states, none larger than New Hampshire, asked more from each student than the state contributed.

Fast forward to 2010, and the states’ contribution had fallen to \$6,500 per student. The students’ share was up to

\$4,300. By then, 19 states had crossed the threshold of charging students more than the public contribution.

—States say they simply don’t have the money, and that’s partly true. But economists also measure what they call state “effort” to fund higher education—state appropriations for every \$1,000 of average personal income. The figure measures a state’s commitment to higher education, regardless of wealth. The efforts of states vary substantially, from \$2.44 per \$1,000 in New Hampshire to \$12.73 in New Mexico. But nationally, the average state effort fell sharply during the last decade, from \$7.25 to \$6.11.

“The states are simply funding other priorities,” Hartle said. “They’re funding Medicaid, they’re funding corrections, they’re funding elementary and secondary education.” Higher education, by contrast, “has an awful lot of people who look like paying customers.”

It may be that funding higher education on a mass scale is now beyond the capacity of the states. But if Americans are really so determined to go to college, as they seem to be, someone will have to pay. And increasingly that’s been students themselves.

“Looking at 2000-2010, things are bad, really bad, and getting worse,” said Rich Williams, higher education advocate for the group US PIRG. “We saw less than half of students needing to borrow just before 2000. Now it’s two-thirds. You’re seeing loan debt place serious financial barriers in front of students that weren’t there.”

Total federal loans are up 57 percent over the last decade, and outstanding student loan volume has passed \$1 trillion. Partly that reflects more students, but average indebtedness for graduates is now well over \$20,000. For the av-

erage borrower, that’s not life-ruining, but the increase is worrisome.

While some Occupy Wall Street protesters have called for forgiving student loan debt, most college students say they agree they should pay something for their college education.

On the campus of Eastern Michigan University, Leah Shutes, a third-year student working toward a degree in journalism, says she has no illusions college should be free or easy.

But roughly \$60,000 deep in student loans already, she feels like she’s bearing an awful lot of the burden alone.

“I don’t believe it should necessarily be paid for in full,” she said. “But, you know, a little help?”

The effects of high prices are more complicated than people realize. It’s not just that students drop out, though some do. More commonly, they work more hours on the side and take fewer credit hours. That strings out their time to graduation, making college even more expensive, as well increasing the risk they won’t graduate at all.

Shutes works 20 hours per week and thinks it may take her three more years to finish. By then she believes her debt could hit six figures (her debt levels are unusually high; fewer than 1 percent of undergraduate borrowers have more than \$100,000).

“As students we can kind of feel a lot of pressure and maybe a little bit of resentment because our entire lives we’re told go to school, stay in school, get a good job,” she said. “At the same time, they say, ‘Here’s less financial aid.’”

The Eastern Michigan campus, serving a region where the economy struggled throughout the 2000s, may not appear at first glance much different than a decade ago.

But roughly twice as many students,

and about half of all enrollees, now receive Pell Grants. That’s indicative of more federal aid but also more struggling students; most Pell recipients come from families earning less than \$50,000.

A recent college health survey showed increased student stress. More students are trying to make do without purchasing textbooks. Administrators say students are now working two and three jobs instead of one, which affects their work.

“It’s a vicious cycle,” said Bernice Lindke, vice president of student affairs and enrollment management.

Ten years ago, EMU enrolled 24,300 students and received \$90 million from the state of Michigan. Last year it had slightly fewer students and got roughly \$65 million. Meanwhile, tuition has doubled. The university used to get one-quarter of its budget directly from students; now it depends on them for three-quarters.

Patrick Callan, president of the National Center for Public Policy and Higher Education, said there’s plenty of blame to go around, but few strong incentives to change. States cut funding, knowing they can pass the blame onto colleges for turning around and raising tuition. Colleges don’t fight the budget cuts terribly hard, knowing they can turn around pass price increases onto students.

Students gripe, but can usually borrow to get what they need. Only later do the bills come due. And who knows whether they will have the jobs they need to pay those bills?

“The cost of higher education has gone up faster than anything else in the economy,” Callan said. “I don’t know anybody who thinks the course we’re on is sustainable.”



# Life & Style

## Italy magazine goes ahead with topless Kate pics

ROME (AP)—An Italian gossip magazine owned by former Premier Silvio Berlusconi published a 26-page spread of topless photos of Prince William's wife Kate on Monday despite legal action in France against the French magazine that published them first.

Chi hit newsstands on Monday, featuring a montage of photos taken while the Duke and Duchess of Cambridge were on vacation at a relative's home in the south of France last month. They included the 14 pictures published by the popular French magazine Closer, which like Chi is owned by Berlusconi's Mondadori publishing house.

But the Chi spread ran the whole sequence of photos as the couple sunbathed on a terrace, including one shot of the



Britain's Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge, smiles as she and Prince William prepare to depart Honiara, Solomon Islands, Tuesday, Sept. 18, 2012, after an official visit to the South Pacific Island nation.

princess putting sun cream on her backside that didn't appear in Closer.

The couple is hitting back hard against the publication of the images, which William's St. James's Palace called a "grotesque" invasion of their privacy.

Later Monday, lawyers for the royal couple are due in court in Nanterre, France, to seek an injunction against Mondadori to prevent further dissemination of the images, which were also reproduced over the weekend by an Irish tabloid. The palace said it would seek damages from Mondadori.

And St. James's Palace said

Sunday that family lawyers would file a criminal complaint against the unidentified photographer or photographers involved. The palace said it would

be up to French prosecutors to decide whether to investigate and pursue a criminal case for breach of privacy or trespassing.

Chi editor Alfonso Signorini

told The Associated Press over the weekend that he didn't fear legal action since the photos were already in the public domain following Closer's publication.

## Irish newspaper suspends editor over Kate photos

LONDON (AP)—The owner of the Irish Daily Star says the newspaper's editor has been suspended following his decision to publish topless photographs of Prince William's wife Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge.

Independent Star, the company which owns the newspaper, said Monday that Michael

O'Kane had been suspended and an internal inquiry had been launched.

The newspaper printed some of the photographs on Saturday in editions available in Ireland, but not inside the U.K. The images were first published by French magazine Closer.

Ireland's justice minister

Alan Shatter says he could revive previously abandoned plans for an Irish privacy law in response to the newspaper's actions.

Some sections of the country's media could not distinguish between "prurient interest and the public interest," Shatter said.

## 'Resident Evil' reigns at No. 1 with \$21 million

LOS ANGELES (AP)—The fifth film in the "Resident Evil" franchise is first at the box office.

"Resident Evil: Retribution" opened at No. 1 with just over \$21 million, according to final studio figures Monday. Milla Jovovich returns to the role of the warrior Alice, fighting the undead in the Sony Screen Gems sci-fi series.

The top 20 movies at U.S. and Canadian theaters Friday through Sunday, followed by distribution studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled Monday by Hollywood.com are:

1. "Resident Evil: Retribution," Sony Screen Gems, \$21,052,227, 3,012 locations, \$6,989 average, \$21,052,227, one week.

2. "Finding Nemo," Disney, \$16,687,773, 2,904 locations, \$5,746 average, \$16,687,773, one week.

3. "The Possession," Lionsgate, \$5,766,378, 2,860 locations, \$2,016 average, \$41,133,490, three weeks.

4. "Lawless," Weinstein Co., \$4,348,377, 3,063 locations, \$1,420 average, \$30,270,131, three weeks.

5. "The Expendables 2," Lionsgate, \$3,146,001, 2,896 locations, \$1,086 average, \$80,405,980, five weeks.

6. "ParaNorman," Focus, \$3,092,941, 2,326 locations, \$1,330 average, \$49,389,187, five weeks.

7. "The Words," CBS Films, \$2,861,273, 2,801 locations, \$1,022 average, \$9,141,158, two weeks.

8. "The Bourne Legacy," Universal, \$2,852,475, 2,170 locations, \$1,315 average, \$107,794,135, six weeks.

9. "The Odd Life of Timothy Green," Disney, \$2,598,636, 2,415 locations, \$1,076 average, \$46,372,284, five weeks.

10. "The Campaign," Warner Bros., \$2,418,163, 2,002 locations, \$1,208 average, \$82,870,319, six weeks.

11. "The Dark Knight Rises," Warner Bros., \$2,182,449, 1,581 locations, \$1,380 average, \$441,053,078, nine weeks.

12. "Arbitrage," Lionsgate/Roadside Attractions, \$2,002,165, 197 locations, \$10,163 average, \$2,002,165, one week.

13. "2016: Obama's America," Rocky Mountain Pictures, \$1,988,294, 1,876 locations, \$1,060 average, \$30,037,361, 10 weeks.

14. "Hope Springs," Sony, \$1,825,180, 1,946 locations, \$938 average, \$60,475,281, six weeks.

15. "Last Ounce of Courage," Rocky Mountain Pictures, \$1,585,994, 1,407 locations, \$1,127 average, \$1,585,994, one week.

16. "Premium Rush," Sony, \$1,270,910, 1,339 locations, \$949 average, \$18,834,782, four weeks.

17. "Barfi!," UTV, \$1,061,713, 132 locations, \$8,043 average, \$1,061,713, one week.

18. "The Cold Light of Day," Lionsgate, \$847,366, 1,511 locations, \$561 average, \$3,279,550, two weeks.

19. "The Master," Weinstein Co., \$736,311, five locations, \$147,262 average, \$736,311, one week.

20. "The Avengers," Disney, \$593,991, 442 locations, \$1,344 average, \$622,217,210, 20 weeks.

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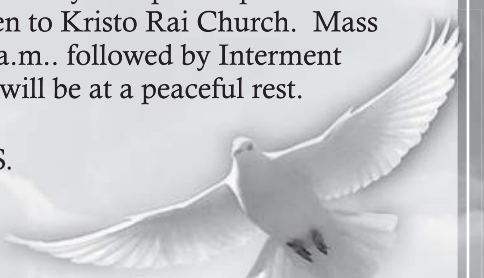
### He will be greatly missed by numerous nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Daily Mass of Intentions are being celebrated every morning at 6:00 a.m. at Kristo Rai Church and Holy Rosary is being prayed nightly at his residence in Paganville at 7:30 p.m.

Funeral Services will be held on Monday, September 24, 2012. His remains will be escorted from CHC Chapel at 7:30 a.m. to his residence in Paganville. Responso Service and Holy Rosary will immediately take place upon his arrival. At 10:30 a.m., his remains will be taken to Kristo Rai Church. Mass of Christial Burial will be celebrated at 11:00 a.m.. followed by Interment Service at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery where he will be at a peaceful rest.

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**THE FAMILY**





## Little-boy flasher tries to cover up his exposure

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

**DEAR ABBY:** My daughter “Anissa” is 3 and has an older cousin, “Billy,” on my fiancé’s side who is 5. Billy has been caught on several occasions showing his “manhood” to little girls, and we recently found out he took Anissa into a pop-up tent and showed her as well. This was not on my watch, because I don’t feel comfortable leaving them alone together.

After I learned about the incident, I was told that Billy had done this with another cousin and told her it was a “secret” and not to tell.

Abby, as far as I know, Billy was spoken to at great length and reprimanded after the first few occurrences, but he continues to do this, it seems, at every opportunity he gets.

Is this normal behavior for boys? I think the parents are burying their heads in the sand. They get defensive when the subject is brought up. Personally, all I can do is keep Anissa within arm’s reach when Billy is around. What do you think?



*Dear Abby*

NOT ON MY WATCH

**DEAR NOT:** I think that’s intelligent. Although children are naturally curious when they learn there’s a difference between boys and girls (hence the genesis of playing “doctor”), Billy appears to be overly preoccupied. Because he is telling the girls to keep what he’s doing a secret, he knows he is doing something wrong. Repeated naughty actions can be corrected only if there are consequences for them, and it appears a lengthy talking-to and a reprimand haven’t gotten through to the child.

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**DEAR ABBY:** I need your assistance resolving an awkward situation. I have noticed other women experiencing “wardrobe malfunctions.” In each instance, they were otherwise tastefully dressed but seemingly unaware of the sheer-ness of their clothing. For example, one was wearing white slacks through which the patterned fabric of her underwear could be seen clearly.

Is there a polite way to alert them of the problem, or is it better to say nothing? Most of these women were strangers, but I couldn’t think of tactful wording even when it happened to a friend.

JUST TRYING TO HELP

**DEAR JUST TRYING:** If it’s a friend, say, “Honey, I can see the pattern of your underwear through your slacks,” and it will probably be appreciated. However, if it’s a stranger, keep your comment to yourself because it probably won’t be.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My late partner and I had matching wedding rings, as we had a civil marriage. Since my partner’s death, I have met someone else. We have become a couple and also want to have a civil same-sex marriage.

Do you think it would be wrong to use the same wedding rings I had with my first partner? I’m not sure how I feel about it and need some input.

ALLEN IN FLORIDA

**DEAR ALLEN:** Far more important than what I think about it is what your significant other thinks. Personally, I would “retire” the rings from your former marriage and start with new ones because it’s a new relationship. While no rule of etiquette says there is anything wrong with using the old ones, this really isn’t a question of etiquette.

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## Emmy-nominated stars share their fave TV shows

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Long before Kevin Costner, Bryan Cranston, Christina Hendricks and Nicole Kidman were Emmy nominees, they were kids who loved watching TV.

“I liked ‘Man from Uncle’ and ‘High Chaparral,’” Costner said. “I really, really liked that when I was a kid.” “I remember the transition from black-and-white to color,” continued Costner, who is nominated as both star and producer of the TV movie “Hatfields & McCoys.” “It like one by one the televisions in my neighborhood became color TVs and we would all go look at each other’s color TVs and ooh and aah at ‘Bonanza.’ I’m kind of glad I saw it all, in a way. I remember the TV would shut off at 11 and just play the national anthem all night long.”

Cranston, who is nominated for his role on “Breaking Bad”—which won him the Emmy Award three years in a row, grew up on “The Andy Griffith Show.”

“I love the character of Barney: Classic comic character of the absolute confident man with no ability whatsoever. Always funny. The calm and comforting



<sup>AP</sup> In this May 25, 2012 file photo, actress Nicole Kidman poses for photographers during a photo call for “Hemingway & Gellhorn” at the 65th international film festival, in Cannes, southern France.

## Matchbox Twenty returns with No. 1 album ‘North’



<sup>AP</sup> This July 10, 2012 photo shows Rob Thomas, left, and Paul Doucette of Matchbox Twenty in New York.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—The recording process for Matchbox Twenty’s new album was somewhat like living in a frat house—with tons of red wine instead of beer.

While creating “North”—and living together in Nashville—lead singer Rob Thomas jokes that the foursome “spent, like, \$40,000 on wine. Just on the wine.”

“At 5, 6 o’clock, we’d break for dinner and things would just go south,” Thomas, 40, said in

a recent interview. “And we would think it was awesome, everything we were doing was awesome, and we’d come back in and we would meet some new band out in the middle of Nashville and bring them back to the studio ... and play all this crap. I know they walked away going, ‘Dude, the new Matchbox Twenty record is going to suck!’”

None of those songs made it on the album “North”—which may be part of the reason it debuted at No. 1 on Billboard’s 200 albums chart last week after selling 95,000 units, according to Nielsen SoundScan. The rockers recorded the album, their first release since the 2007 compilation album “Exile on Mainstream,” in New York, Los Angeles and “in the woods” of Nashville. They hadn’t lived together since doing so when they recorded their 12-times platinum 1996 debut, “Yourself or Someone Like You.”

But they said reuniting felt “natural” and the musicians began writing material while Thomas toured his second solo album in 2009. Paul Doucette, the band’s drummer, said they recorded more than 60 songs, and selecting the final tracks was tiresome.

“We became really overwhelmed with the material and really the amount of different directions we (could) take with the material,” he said. “With-in those 60 songs there was an Americana record, there was a pop record, there was a rock record.”

Thomas added: “Not to mention you’d pass out and you’d wake up the next day and somebody would come in and be like, ‘I turned it into a rag-time record!’”

The Grammy-nominated band—which includes guitarist Kyle Cook and bassist Brian Yale—said being in Nashville did influence their sound, though they ditched it toward the end: “We kind of decided that wasn’t the record that we were making.”

## Amanda Bynes gets traffic citation, car towed

**BURBANK, Calif. (AP)**—Amanda Bynes had another run-in with the law when she was pulled over for driving on a suspended license by a Southern California airport.

Burbank’s Bob Hope Airport spokesman Victor Gill says airport police cited the actress and impounded her car Sunday.

He said in a statement that

“police did cite Amanda Bynes for driving a vehicle with a suspended drivers license this morning.”

Bynes’ driving privileges had been suspended after she was charged with hit-and-run in connection with two traffic crashes.

Los Angeles prosecutors accused Bynes of leaving the scene of two accidents, one on

April 10 and another on Aug. 4, without providing proper information. The first incident occurred just days after Bynes was arrested on suspicion of drunken driving. She has pleaded not guilty in that case.

The 26-year-old is best known for her role in the WB’s “What I Like About You” and the film “Easy A.”

tones of Andy Griffith, who we lost recently,” the actor said. “I think there was just something very sweet and comforting about watching that show, and the simplicity of the lifestyle and a days-gone-by kind of thing.”

Hendricks, nominated for the third consecutive time for her supporting role in “Mad Men,” said her all-time favorites were “MASH” and “Northern Exposure.”

“Both of them had a sense of real community and camaraderie among the cast, a sense of friendship in this world that I remember responding to,” she said.

Mayim Bialik of “The Big Bang Theory” was also a “Northern Exposure” fan.

“They had every kind of possible character,” said the actress, who remembered watching the show while starring on “Blossom.” “I would have loved to be anything on ‘Northern Exposure,’ but mostly Rob Morrow’s love interest. That would have been my choice.”

Kidman, a first-time Emmy nominee for her lead role in the TV movie “Hemingway & Gellhorn,” said she was raised on “The Brady Bunch” and “Bewitched.”

“Growing up in Australia, the miniseries was such a big, big thing. It was something that launched my career because I did miniseries in Australia,” she said. “I did a thing called ‘Bangkok Hilton’ and one called ‘Vietnam,’ which was on the Vietnam War in the ‘60s and was a hugely rated show. That was my big break, really, as an actor.”

Sarah Paulson, nominated for her supporting work in the TV movie “Game Change,” loved “Who’s the Boss?”

## Chris Brown due to return to court in assault case

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—Chris Brown is scheduled to return to a Los Angeles courtroom for the first time in more than a year amid questions about his community service.

The R&B singer is on probation for the 2009 beating of his then-girlfriend Rihanna and had been ordered to perform six months’ worth of community service, including graffiti removal, roadside cleanup and other manual labor.

Brown has completed his terms with praise from a judge, however a prosecutor raised concerns about how many hours he had completed.

The singer has received praise from a judge overseeing his probation for the 2009 beating of Rihanna, but an audit of his community service was ordered in July.

Brown was also ordered to appear in court for a review of his probation on Monday.







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# Ryan, Falcons beat mistake-prone Broncos



ATLANTA (AP)—Peyton Manning kept throwing up wobbly passes.

The Atlanta Falcons kept picking them off.

Taking advantage of a stunning three interceptions in the first quarter, Matt Ryan and the Falcons built a big lead and held on for a 27-21 victory over the Denver Broncos on Monday night, an erratic effort by Manning that showed his comeback in the Mile High City is still a work in progress.

Ryan threw the 100th touchdown pass of his career, Roddy White had 102 yards receiving and the Falcons (2-0) made a 20-0 lead stand up, if just barely.

Willis McGahee scored on two 2-yard touchdown runs in the fourth quarter to give the Broncos (1-1) late hope. But, on third down, Ryan connected with Julio Jones on a 6-yard pass that gave Atlanta a crucial first down with less than 2 minutes to go.

They managed to run out the clock from there.

For Manning and the Broncos, it's back to the drawing board.

Even though his velocity is supposed to be nearly the same as it was before four neck surgeries and missing his entire final season in Indianapolis, Manning threw a number of passes that seemed to just hang in the air long enough for the Falcons to step in front of them. Other times, it looked as though he had to put everything he had on the ball to get it where he wanted, even if it wasn't necessarily a deep route.

He finished 24 of 37 for 241 yards, including a 17-yard touchdown pass to Demaryius Thomas just before halftime.

The only other time Manning was picked off three times in the opening quarter was with the Colts in a 2007 game at San Diego.

Ryan was much more efficient than the four-time MVP, completing 24 of 36 for 219 yards. He hooked up with Tony Gonzalez for a 1-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter, then went to White on a 4-yard score in the third period.

Michael Turner scored Atlanta's first TD on a 1-yard run, the play set up by the first of Manning's picks. Matt Bryant kicked two field goals for the Falcons.

McGahee finished with 113 yards on 22 carries.

The Falcons appeared to be solidly in control heading to the fourth quarter, up 27-7 after Ryan hooked up with White on consecutive passes of 21 and 20 yards, then went to him again for the touchdown.

The Broncos at least made a game of it. Manning completed 7 of 11 for 89 yards in the final period, but two sacks helped stifle the comeback.

A week after he won his Denver debut with a home victory over Pittsburgh, the Broncos had turnovers on four on their first five possessions. It was an uncharacteristic prime time start for Manning, who began the night with an 11-3 career record on Mondays.

On the game's third play from scrimmage, he threw into triple coverage to Jacob Tamme, but Falcons strong safety William Moore stepped in front of the tight end for an interception.

Moore ran down the left sideline 33 yards before Orlando Franklin tackled



Denver Broncos quarterback Peyton Manning (18) is sacked by Atlanta Falcons strong safety William Moore (25) during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Sept. 17, 2012, in Atlanta.

him at the 1.

Turner ran twice over the left side of the line before jumping over a stack of Atlanta and Denver linemen to put the ball over the goal line for a 7-0 lead with 13:20 left in the first quarter. That summed up Atlanta's problems running the ball - Turner totaled only 42 yards on 17 carries.

The Broncos ran two plays before Manning faked a play-action handoff and threw down the right seam to Eric Decker. This time, free safety Thomas DeCoud picked him off and returned it 15 yards.

After Jones dropped what would have been a 19-yard touchdown pass from Ryan in the left corner of the end zone, Bryant followed with a 37-yard field goal to make it 10-0.

Manning's third pick went to Robert McClain, a reserve cornerback who was taking his first snap because Asante Samuel injured his neck on the previous play.

On Sunday, Manning's younger brother, Eli, threw three interceptions in the first half. But he rallied the New York Giants to a 41-34 victory over the Tampa Bay Buccaneers.

No such luck for big brother.

Atlanta nickel cornerback Christopher Owens left the game in the opening quarter with a head injury and did not return, further depleting a secondary that already lost Brent Grimes to a season-ending injury in Week 1.

Samuel returned to the field on Denver's next possession, whiffing on Willis McGahee's 31-yard run, but stopping Tamme 1 yard short of a first down to force a punt two snaps later.

On the next-to-last snap of the first quarter, Atlanta linebacker Stephen Nicholas forced a fumble by Knowshon Moreno near the Denver sideline and Sean Weatherspoon recovered for Atlanta.

A scrum began after the Falcons were awarded the ball.

Denver coach John Fox was on the field trying to restore order as players from both teams shoved each other. As Samuel was walking away, Broncos guard Zane Beadles ran into him and

knocked him down. Samuel quickly jumped up, and Atlanta defensive end Ray Edwards appeared to throw a punch at a Denver player.

## Affidavit says Vilma offered \$10,000 to hurt Favre

NEW YORK (AP)—The NFL presented Jonathan Vilma and his attorney with a sworn statement from former Saints defensive coordinator Gregg Williams saying the linebacker placed a \$10,000 bounty on Brett Favre.

Vilma met with Commissioner Roger Goodell on Monday in New York about his suspension, which has been temporarily lifted. Attorney Peter Ginsberg said they were given an affidavit at the meeting.

"What Gregg Williams said in his most recent affidavit is the same falsity he has previously provided," Ginsberg said.

"I don't know what Gregg Williams' motives are, but I do know that any suggestion by Williams that Jonathan put up \$10,000 as an incentive for his teammates to injure another player is absolutely false."

Vilma tweeted on Monday night that Williams was "bullied to sign the affidavit," saying Williams signed it on Friday.

Williams is now with St. Louis,

though he has been suspended indefinitely. An associate of his said Williams did not want to talk to the media.

Vilma, who denied in court that he offered money in exchange for injuring the former Vikings quarterback, was one of four players suspended by Goodell in the bounty scandal.

"Today everyone was afforded an opportunity to start over," Vilma said outside the NFL's Park Avenue offices more than three hours after he went in. "It was in our best interest to meet today. We spoke truthfully, honestly, bluntly."

An appeals panel earlier this month said Goodell must clarify his rulings to ensure no part of his decisions was based on salary cap violations. That would be the jurisdiction of special master Stephen Burbank.

Goodell must show that the basis for the discipline was inappropriate conduct—such as intent to injure—rather than any secret monetary compensation. In that case, he has full authority to impose the suspensions.

Players and coaches implicated in the

No one was ejected.

After Moreno's fumble, the Falcons ran 10 plays before Bryant kicked a 42-yard field goal for a 13-0 lead.

Then, Ryan found Gonzalez all alone in the end zone. The tight end who has caught the second-most passes in NFL history was left wide open in the back of the end zone on a crossing route. His quarterback froze the Broncos defense with a nifty play fake before delivering the pass that made it 20-0, punctuated by Gonzalez's dunk over the goal posts.

The Broncos finally got on the board with 6 seconds left in the half, though it took the replacement officials a second look to get it right. They initially ruled Thomas had been pushed out of bounds without getting both feet down. The replay clearly showed otherwise, Fox challenged the call, and the call was reversed in Denver's favor.

Another time, the replacements had to huddle just to make sure they knew where to place the ball after a defensive holding penalty on Denver's Champ Bailey.

The Falcons snapped a six-game losing streak on Mondays, including 0-3 under coach Mike Smith. Their last Monday win came over New Orleans on Dec. 12, 2005.

bounty pool have testified under oath in a related federal court case they never intended to injure opposing players.

New Orleans defensive end Will Smith (four games), Browns linebacker Scott Fujita (three) and free agent defensive end Anthony Hargrove (eight) are expected to have their meeting Tuesday.

"We appreciate Jonathan Vilma taking the time to meet today and look forward to seeing the other players tomorrow," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said.

Smith played in each of the Saints' first two games and Vilma is on the physically unable to perform list. Fujita made his season debut in Cleveland's loss to Cincinnati on Sunday. Hargrove was cut by Green Bay during the preseason.

Vilma, initially suspended for the entire season, requested a separate meeting. He hasn't played because he is on the physically unable to perform list as he rehabilitates following off-season surgery on his left knee.

## World Peace wants Lakers to break Bulls' record



LOS ANGELES (AP)—NBA training camps have not opened yet, but Lakers forward Metta World Peace has already established a rather outlandish goal for his team.

In a recent radio interview, World Peace said the Lakers—who have added Dwight Howard and Steve Nash to a team that already includes Kobe Bryant and Pau Gasol—are out to break the NBA record for the best regular-season record, which is 72-10, established by the 1996 Bulls.

"We definitely want to beat the Bulls record and go 73-9, that's definitely something that I want to do," World Peace said on ESPN 710 radio in Los Angeles, according to SportsRadioIn-

terviews.com. "Whoever is out there at the beginning of the season, then we gotta get it. It's as simple as that. We just have to go get it."

Asked by the host whether the Bulls' record was something he's thinking about, World Peace said, "No question. You try to snatch records before you leave this earth. You gotta try to do a lot of great things so it's definitely a goal. With Dwight Howard, Nash, Kobe, myself, Pau and then (Antawn) Jamison and a lot of great additions it's something that's possible."

The Lakers said recently that Howard, who had back surgery last spring, won't be ready at the start of training camp, and it's unclear when he'll be

available to play.

Meanwhile, the Brooklyn Nets signed free agents Stephen Dennis, James Mays and Carleton Scott.

General manager Billy King announced the moves Monday. All three played overseas last season. With the transactions, the training camp roster now features 18 players.

Dennis, a guard, spent four years at Kutztown, and also played for the Bakersfield Jam in the NBA Developmental League. Mays, a forward, played in the ACC at Clemson, and has had stints in China, Turkey and Puerto Rico.

A forward at Notre Dame, Scott played in Austria last season, averaging 13.6 points and 6.6 rebounds.



# Error paves way as White Sox beat Tigers



**CHICAGO**  
(AP)—Alex Rios went bar-

reling into second base with a hard slide that teammate Gordon Beckham said might be the biggest play of the season for the White Sox as they try to win the AL Central.

Rios was trying to break up a double play and when he went into Detroit second baseman Omar Infante, it caused an errant throw that allowed the tying and go-ahead runs to score Monday as the White Sox beat the Tigers 5-4 and went up three games in division.

"That's a situation where every second baseman knows we're coming in hard. And it was a clean slide, and we took advantage of that," Rios said. "We scored two runs on that play and ended up winning the game, so it was a big play."

The game had been postponed by rain last Thursday and Monday's makeup was the final meeting of the season between the two front runners in the division.

Detroit won the season series 12-6 and captured nine of the final 11 games between the teams, including two of three last week before the four-game series finale was postponed.

Each team has 16 games remaining. Chicago heads to Kansas City and Anaheim to finish out this week while Detroit goes home to face the Athletics and Twins.

"There is still a lot of time left for both teams. ... We just got to continue to grind and hope that what we do every day, day in and day out, is enough," Beckham said. "This is probably still going to go down to the wire."

Rios' fifth-inning slide was the talk of the locker room after the game as was Chicago's bullpen that pitched five scoreless innings after starter Jose Quintana struggled.

"That was a tough play for that second baseman to make that turn. I've been there before," Beckham said. "It's everything you can do to just get it off. What a great slide and I just told him (Rios) that might be the play of the year so far. Pretty special."

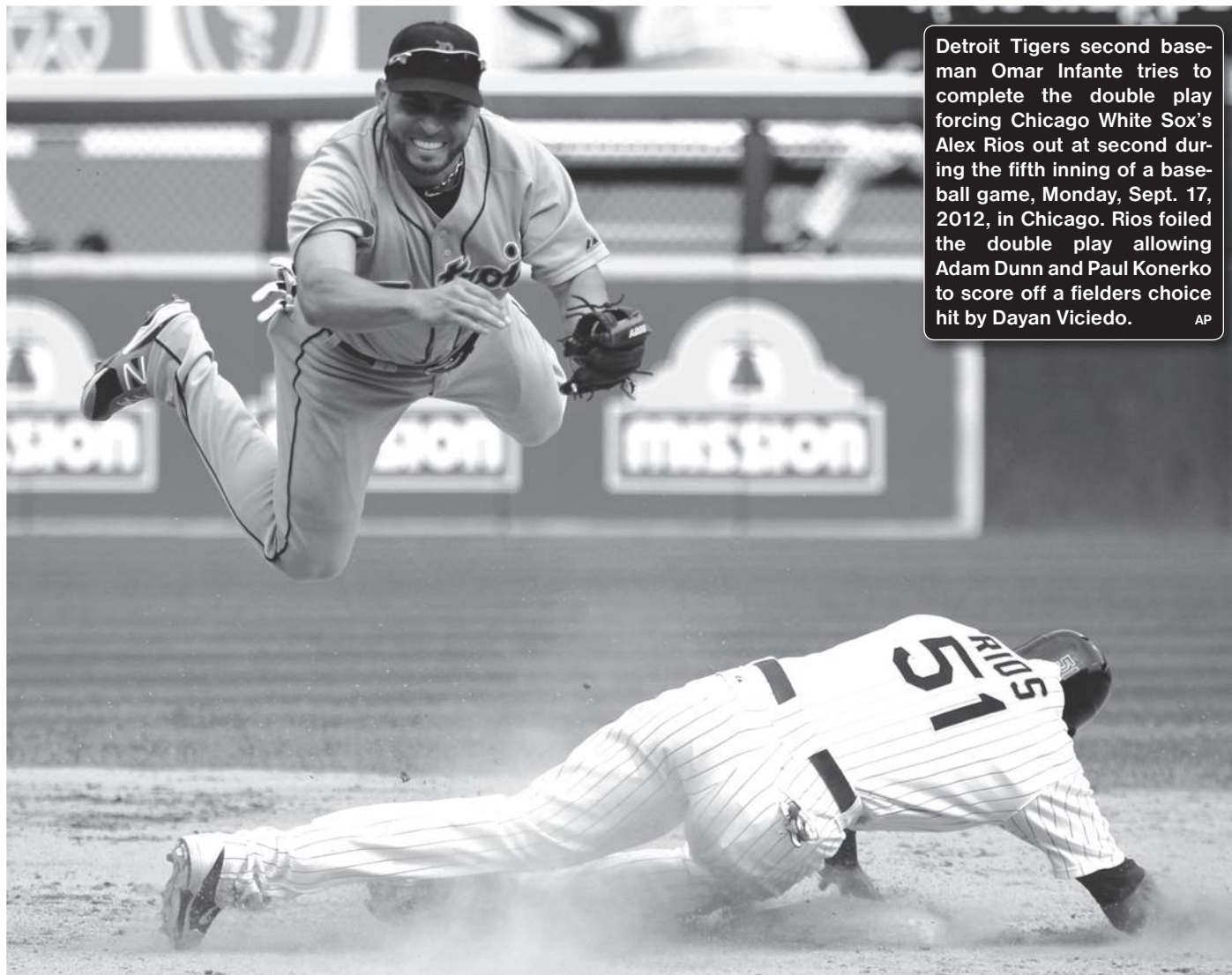
When Dayan Viciedo hit a one-out grounder to short, the Tigers tried to turn the inning-ending double play, but Rios' slide forced an errant throw from Infante that got by Prince Fielder as two runs scored, giving Chicago the lead. And then the bullpen held it.

## Red Sox 5, Rays 2

In St. Petersburg, the Tampa Bay Rays are slipping out of playoff contention and tempers are getting a little short.

Jacoby Ellsbury homered and drove in three runs, Aaron Cook stopped his five-game losing streak and the Boston Red Sox beat the sliding Rays, 5-2.

Tampa Bay, coming off a 1-5 road trip to Baltimore and New



Detroit Tigers second baseman Omar Infante tries to complete the double play forcing Chicago White Sox's Alex Rios out at second during the fifth inning of a baseball game, Monday, Sept. 17, 2012, in Chicago. Rios foiled the double play allowing Adam Dunn and Paul Konerko to score off a fielders choice hit by Dayan Viciedo. AP

York, fell 5 1/2 games behind the AL East-leading Yankees. The Rays also dropped five games back of the Orioles, who won 10-4 in Seattle, for the second AL wild-card spot.

## Orioles 10, Mariners 4

In Seattle, Nate McLouth gave Baltimore a quick start with a leadoff home run and the Orioles beat the Seattle Mariners, 10-4, to tighten the AL East race.

Matt Wieters went deep and Adam Jones scored four times for the Orioles, who moved within a half-game of the first-place New York Yankees. Baltimore also opened a three-game cushion over the Los Angeles Angels for the second AL wild-card spot.

Chris Tillman (8-2) allowed one run and three hits over six innings, supported by Baltimore's 15 hits. He struck out

four and walked none.

## Phillies 3, Mets 1

In New York, Cliff Lee toed the rubber, went through a full wind-up and simulated a pitch - toward second base, that is.

Naw, he didn't do that because the Philadelphia Phillies have been stuck in reverse lately. It's a quirk of his, something he started in the minors to stay loose and visualize positive results.

Lee struck out 10 while out-dueling Cy Young contender R.A. Dickey, and the Phillies regained their winning touch by beating the New York Mets, 3-1.

## Giants 2, Rockies 1

In San Francisco, Brandon Crawford tripled, doubled and scored on a passed ball, and Hunter Pence singled home the go-ahead run in the sixth inning to lead the San Francisco Giants past the

Colorado Rockies, 2-1.

Madison Bumgarner (15-10) allowed one run and four hits in six innings while walking a career-high five. The lefty struck out six and relied on a strong defensive effort to extend San Francisco's lead to eight games over the idle Dodgers in the NL West.

Pence's RBI single off reliever Guillermo Moscoso (3-2) handed Colorado its 10th loss in 12 games.

## Braves 7, Marlins 5

In Miami, Dan Uggla got Atlanta started with his bat. His glove helped finish off his former club.

Uggla hit a three-run home run in the first inning and sprawled to snare a ground ball that ended a Miami threat in the eighth, Martin Prado tied a career best with four hits and the Braves beat the Marlins 7-5 on Monday night.

It was the fourth straight win for Atlanta, which moved within five games of idle Washington in the NL East.

## Pirates 3, Cubs 3

In Chicago, Kevin Correia pitched seven innings of two-hit ball and Starling Marte hit a two-run triple to lead the Pittsburgh Pirates past the Chicago Cubs, 3-0, in a game that was delayed more than three hours by rain.

With the Pirates still in playoff contention, the teams waited out two storms at Wrigley Field that pushed back the start for 3 hours, 37 minutes. The first pitch was thrown at 10:42 p.m. CDT, and Joel Hanrahan delivered the final one at 1:28 a.m. on Tuesday.

Pittsburgh tied Milwaukee for third place in the NL Central at 74-72.

# McIlroy heavily favored at Tour Championship



**ATLANTA (AP)**—The way Rory McIlroy is playing, the temptation might be to hand him the FedEx Cup before the Tour Championship.

McIlroy has been so dominant lately that in 2007 or 2008, the first two years of the PGA Tour playoffs, the \$10 million prize would simply have come down to him finishing the finale at East Lake.

When Vijay Singh captured the first two playoff events in 2008, the Barclays and the Deutsche Bank Championship, he had wrapped up the title after three events even though he could manage only a tie for 44th in the BMW Championship.

All he had to do was remain standing at the end of the Tour Championship, in which he tied for 22nd.

So commissioner Tim Finchem and the PGA Tour decided that starting in 2009, the FedEx point standings would be reset heading into the finale so that if any of the top five players won the tournament, he also would capture the FedEx Cup.

"It's interesting. You can go and win the first three playoff events, finish second in the last one and not win it," Tiger Woods said during the BMW Championship two weeks ago at Crooked Stick.

"It's a different type of format, but it's what we have, and the whole idea is if the guys who are near the top five or just outside the top five win the last two events, you know you're going to win it, so the idea is to go out there and get Ws."

No format is going to be perfect, and the PGA Tour has not tinkered with it since.

One of the most fascinating aspects about the volatile point swings that can take place during the playoffs is to watch the positions change rapidly on the television scoreboard as players scramble to make the top 30 and qualify for the Tour Championship.

Some of the players believe the point swings are too drastic, but that doesn't mean there will be more changes to the FedEx format any time soon.

"We just determined that after

we got it to a point, we'd take a break and continue to monitor it and see how it works," Finchem said earlier this year.

"And it's worked well. But I think we should keep our minds open about changes in the future and listen to people."

Under the current rules, the five players who can claim the FedEx Cup and all that booty this week by winning the Tour Championship are McIlroy, Woods, Nick Watney, Phil Mickelson and Brandt Snedeker.

"It'll be my first trip to East Lake, so it'll be a new golf course for me," said McIlroy, who is coming off victories in the Deutsche Bank Championship and the BMW Championship.

"But that's what the FedEx Cup playoffs were designed for, to have the best players playing at this time of the year and to make it exciting. ... So you've got all these top guys with a chance to win going into Atlanta."

"It's what it's all about, and it makes it exciting for the end of the year."

Among the top five, the player who probably benefited the most from the week off was the 42-year-old Mickelson, who seemingly has had stamina problems this season—perhaps because of his psoriatic arthritis.

However, he has played his best golf in the playoffs since his dominant victory at Pebble Beach in February.

"I'm really pleased with the way my game has come around the last two weeks," said Lefty, who tied for fourth in the Deutsche Bank and tied for second in the BMW. "It puts me in a position where if I can improve just a little bit more for the Tour Championship and win, I'll be able to win the FedEx Cup."

"I accomplished one of my goals, which was to get in the top five. The other would have been obviously to win. But more than that, I just feel really good about where my game is headed, and hopefully I'll keep improving on that."

Watney, who captured the Barclays to open the playoffs, and Snedeker, who finished in the top six in the first two play-

off events, faltered a bit at the BMW Championship.

However, they are definitely capable of winning if McIlroy, Woods and Mickelson stumble.

"I just ran out of gas (in the BMW)," Watney said. "It was my sixth (week) in a row, and I was just very flat and just ran out of gas. ... But Bill (Haas) showed last year that there's always a chance."

"I think I'm just going there and trying to take care of business. Hopefully I can control my own destiny, but if I go there and win, the FedEx Cup will take care of itself."

If none of those players win, Louis Oosthuizen, Dustin Johnson, Lee Westwood, Zach Johnson and Jason Dufner make up the rest of the top 10 and have the next best chance to take home the FedEx Cup.

Last year, because of a dramatic chain of events as the leaders faltered, Haas came from 25th in the point standings before the Tour Championship to claim the FedEx Cup when he won the finale by beating Hunter Mahan in a playoff.







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## Doubles semis cast complete

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It's playoff time for 2012 Shirley's Coffee Shop Singles/Doubles Badminton Tournament after the elimination games were completed over the weekend at the TSL Sports Complex.



In the men's doubles Class A, the tandem of Hapi Gabriel and Andreau Galvez leads the playoff cast after posting a 4-1 record in the round-robin competition. Actually, the duo tied the pairs of Sam Jones and Glen Bluuftjens and Macoi Aguda and Ferdie Arago for first place, but Gabriel and Galvez won the tiebreak.

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Jordan Pangilinan leans back for a return to Joel Ortega during their men's Class C singles game in the Shirley's badminton tournament last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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## Saints cruise past Torchbearers

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The Chalan Kanoa Saints motored past Rollers Basketball Club's Agape Torchbearers, 55-20, during the U20 division game in the 2012

Saipan Rotary Club Youth Basketball League last Monday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

The already shorthanded Agape crew missed flame-thrower Allen Guo thus had a hard time keeping up with the Saints' flashy new-pickup, Pe-

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The CK Saints' Joe Guerrero advances from the post during their game against RBC's Agape Torchbearers in the U20 division of the Rotary caging last Monday night at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

## Galarse lifts MBI vs Zhaila's

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Former Pool A pacesetter Zhaila's All Starz suffered another heart-breaker, as Microsian Brokers, Inc. pulled off a

69-67 win in their duel in the first game in the DLX/Gualo Rai Invitational Basketball League last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Zhaila's, which won its first five games, absorbed two straight losses, as it also bowed

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MBI's Leo Galarse, left, seen here completing a steal against KFC's Herbert Maranan, also made a defensive stop and the winning basket in their 69-67 victory over Zhaila's All Starz in the DLX caging last Monday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

## McKenzie gets first Queen of the Lanes tiara

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Carol McKenzie and Robert Talavera moved out of slump after winning the Saipan Bowling Association-Budweiser King and Queen of the Lanes' September roll-offs held over the weekend at the Capitol Bowling Center.

McKenzie took her first monthly crown after collecting 672 pinfalls in last Sunday's roll-off. She also bowled last Saturday, but her 608 pinfalls were only good enough



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September Queen of the Lanes Carol McKenzie is flanked by Prince of the Lanes John Taisacan, left, and King of the Lanes Robert Talavera during the awards ceremony for the SBA monthly roll-offs last Sunday at the Capitol Bowling Center.

for third place after Day 1 of the tournament. Bowlers are allowed to compete for two days, but only the higher score is counted.

When McKenzie returned for Day 2, she got off to a good start, posting 181 pinfalls. She then averaged in the 160s in the last three games (159, 161, and 168) for the 13-pinfall win over Day 1 leader and eventual runner-up Diane Chong, who earned 659 pinfalls (136, 166, 181, and 176).

Completing the Top 3 was Tess Fabie, who totaled 639

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